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Fear of oil price war looms on the horizon

BAHRAIN, Feb. 21 (R) — The prospect of an oil price war Monday hit international markets as speculation grew that Gulf producers would soon follow the price-cutting lead set by their competitors.

Spot oil markets weakened and sterling dropped sharply on foreign exchanges on news over the weekend that Nigeria was slashing its oil price by \$5.50 a barrel to bring it into line with new North Sea levels announced last Friday.

The Nigerian move, the first public breach of OPEC pricing rules by a member of the exporter group, heightened fears of an all-out oil price war as producers scrambled to maintain their shares of a glutted world market.

Analysts said the Nigerian action, which followed closely on price cut announcements by Britain and Norway, put the ball firmly in the court of the Gulf producers, led by Saudi Arabia.

The London-based newspaper *Ash-Sharq Al-Awsat* said Monday that the Kingdom and five of its Gulf allies decided at weekend talks to cut their crude oil prices between \$5.50 and \$7 a barrel following the Nigerian move.

Oman's Foreign Minister Youssef Al-Alawi, who attended Gulf talks that ended in Riyadh Sunday, told the Qatari News Agency Gulf oil ministers would meet in the next two days to map out a joint strategy.

Meanwhile, the authoritative Middle East Economic Survey (MEES), indicated the Gulf producers were contemplating a cut in OPEC's \$34 reference price, even before the surprise announcement from Lagos.

In an editorial written before the Nigerian announcement the Nicosia-based newsletter said: "The Gulf states would probably be prepared to bear with a North Sea price of \$30.50 a barrel and still keep within the bounds of their intended \$4 a barrel decrease to a \$30 marker."

But it said this would only be the case if other OPEC states aligned themselves on this new marker, meaning high-quality African crude could not go below \$31.50 a barrel. Nigeria's cut put its crude at \$30 a barrel.

PNC rejects U.S. peace plan

ALGIERS, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — The Palestinian National Council here has rejected the Middle East peace plan proposed by U.S. President Ronald Reagan as "unacceptable," the Palestinian parliament's spokesman Ahmed Abderrahman said here Monday.

"The Reagan plan," he said, "does not satisfy the Palestinian people's inalienable national rights because it ignores their right to return (to their homeland), to self-rule and to the creation of a Palestinian state."

Abderrahman said the U.S. plan also ignored the Palestine Liberation Organization as "the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, and this contradicts international law."

This was why, he said, the council, which has been meeting here for the past week, declared the plan "unacceptable as a good basis for a just solution of the Palestinian issue and the Arab-Israeli conflict."

Earlier, Yasser Arafat drew a standing ovation from PNC members following an impassioned speech defending his quest for a Middle East peace settlement.

Arafat addressed a night meeting of PNC

Libyan jet hijacked to Malta

VALLETTA, Malta, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — Government negotiators Monday tried to convince hijackers to release the estimated 160 passengers aboard a Libyan airline jet forced to land late Sunday on this Mediterranean island, a spokesman said.

The hijackers were demanding ransoms, but officials refused to give it to them until they released the hostages, Paul Mifsud, senior government information officer, said.

Western diplomatic sources in Tripoli said

Muslim blood flows like water in riot-hit Assam

NELLIE, India, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi Monday embraced survivors of a mass slaughter in India's northeastern state of Assam as she visited the area where up to 1,400 persons are feared to have died in the violence.

Mrs. Gandhi, faced with one of the worst political crises of her career, flew to Gauhati soon after receiving a full report from Home Minister P.C. Sethi, who visited the northeastern state Sunday, the third day of polling in the state. The violence is supposed only by the post-partition Hindu-Muslim killings of 1947. Sethi is slated to give a report of the Assam situation to the upper house of parliament Monday.

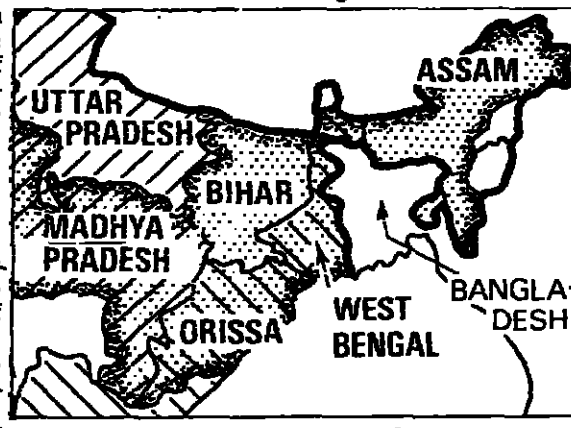
Parliament, which opened its budget session on Friday, has already suffered the impact of the violence with the entire opposition boycotting the president's opening policy speech before a joint session of the houses.

In New Delhi, meanwhile, opposition criticism of Mrs. Gandhi's handling of the elections continued.

Heavy security cloaked the prime minister's arrival at Tezpur, 1,600 kilometers east of New Delhi. She flew over Gauhati, Assam's main city, where Assamese agitation leaders declared a nine-hour general strike against Mrs. Gandhi's government. Aides said she would visit the scenes of the worst violence. Gohpur in northeastern Assam and Nellie in central Assam.

At an improvised camp, Mrs. Gandhi saw hundreds of ill-clad riot victims huddled in the grounds of a school where they had spent three nights in the open air. Women survivors threw themselves at her feet.

Mrs. Gandhi spent several hours in the



villages in a special bullet-proof car flown in from Delhi. Heavily-armed paramilitary troops enforced strict security along her route, and she travelled in a convoy of 16 cars.

Asked if violence could have been avoided if elections had not been held in the state, Mrs. Gandhi told reporters: "This is not the first incident. It has been happening here since 1980."

She was referring to three years of agitation by the student-led Assamese against illegal immigrants, mainly Muslims from Bangladesh. The Assamese militants want what they say are 3.5 million illegal aliens

China's Marshal Ye resigns

PEKING, Feb. 21 (AP) — Marshal Ye Jinyang, 85, China's virtual head of state who long resisted retirement, has resigned and will be succeeded by top legislator Peng Zhen, Chinese trade unionist Maofum Makiada said Monday.

Makiada told a press conference for Japanese reporters that Communist Party



will only serve until May or June when the full National People's Congress meets and can elect him or choose a new chairman. It also is expected to elect a president.

Ye, a venerable revolutionary, was minister of national defense and elected chairman of the standing committee of the NPC in 1978. His resignation is regarded as a major victory for the forces of reformer Deng Xiaoping who has been urging veteran leaders to retire so that younger men can be promoted and invigorate China's aging government and party.

Ye has been in ill health and has been seen assisted by nurses as he presided over the last National People's Congress last fall. He could not walk without assistance, appeared to doze off and was unable to read the opening statement. He read it as being the closing session instead.

Ye, however, stubbornly has refused to step down and has become a symbol of resistance to retirement, as well as resistance to some of Deng's reformist policies.

Harakan flays slaughter

MAKKAH, Feb. 21 — Sheikh Muhammad Al Harakan, secretary-general of the Muslim World League, Monday denounced what he described as the spread of hostility and aggression against Muslims in India. The statement exhorted Muslims everywhere to be aware of the gravity of events befalling their fellow Muslims in some Asian states. He specifically cited Assam's "savage massacres and the passive attitude toward them."

The statement referred also to killing of Muslims in Afghanistan by "100,000 soldiers of evil and aggression," and "in Lebanon by Israel," as well as to the intra-Muslim bloodshed between Iran and Iraq.

"This bloodletting everywhere is the cardinal condemnation of this world of ours, where humanity has no value," the statement said.

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Jubail to Riyadh pipeline

Fahd dedicates major water project today

By Javid Hassan
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 21 — Al-Suwayye, near Riyadh, will open a new chapter in its history on Tuesday when King Fahd inaugurates a new water pipeline carrying desalinated water from the Jubail plant. The line extends from the project site in Jubail and traverses Dhahran, Hofuf and Khurais, before terminating at Al-Suwayye, 35 kilometers east of Riyadh.

It consists of two parallel pipelines each with a maximum capacity of 109.6 million gallons of water per day. The normal capacity for both lines is 145.7 million gallons per day. The length of each line is 466 kilometers. There are six pumping stations with concrete storage tanks, each holding 13.2 million gallons of water.

Technical specifications
A spokesman of the Saline Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC) told *Arab News* that the project has been designed according to the latest technical specifications. The desalination plant in Jubail, he said, has 40 desalination units (evaporators), each producing 6,240,000 gallons of water per day at 90 degrees centigrade. The production can be increased when operating at higher temperature. The whole system will utilize sea water drawn from 20 pumps, each with a capacity of 180.5 million gallons per day, 16 of them working to produce water and electricity and the remaining for emergency use.

SWCC Governor Abdullah Al-Ghaliqa said he was extremely honored that the King himself will inaugurate the Riyadh project and that all people in Riyadh shared this feeling. He added that King Fahd was

giving priority to the development of water projects.

Turning point

Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources Dr. Abdul-Rahman Al-Sheikh has described the project as gigantic and a turning point in the history of water programs in the Kingdom. He said the King's patronization of the project is considered as "the highest appreciation" for those engaged in water programs.

"The pumping of desalinated water to Riyadh is a gigantic project since it is the first time that the hinterland has been supplied with such water," he added.

Consumption

Riyadh uses some 350,000 cubic meters of water every day and the state is redoubling its efforts to provide new water sources, foremost among which is the desalted waters of the Arabian Gulf in Jubail for the future.

The city has seven purification plants at Haer, Manfouha, Shumaisi, Malazz, Salboubkh, uwayb and Wasie. Water is also pumped out from more than 120 wells in and outside the capital. The city network's total length is about 3,500 kms to supply water to 100,000 subscribers. About 40 percent of those subscribers have been connected to the sewage network.

But Riyadh's daily water supply is fair, just enough to meet the residents' water requirements if they do not abuse water consumption. Already, a large part of that quantity is wasted or used for unnecessary purposes, according to Othman Al-Othman, the director of the Riyadh Water and Sewage Department.



King Fahd

Mobile plant to be shown at Jeddah exhibition

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 21 — A new mobile self-contained desalination plant called Metito Reverse Osmosis Mobile Unit will be on display at the Water Technology Exhibition to be held in Jeddah from Feb. 27 through March 3, according to a press note issued by Thomas Marshall, communications consultant of Metito Saudi Arabia Ltd.

"It is the most versatile unit available in the Middle East," claims the press note, adding that the Metito unit is the only one capable of doing operations in remote areas without power source. The self-contained unit, according to the note, can treat water from any source, surface water, brackish, sea or river water and has been designed to military specifications.

"When a unit is built to military specifications," says the note, "every operational condition is taken into account." Even under conditions of nuclear, biological or chemical warfare, water is drinkable after one cycle of water passes through the Metito Reverse Osmosis Mobile Unit, asserts the note.

The Metito Reverse Osmosis Mobile Unit is designed to provide water at a rate of 10 CPM from any source, and can operate in any terrain or location such as airports, hospitals, military areas, offshore rigs, disaster areas like earthquakes where it can be transported by ship, helicopter or it can be towed.

Indian trade group meets Jeddah chamber officials

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 21 — The development commissioner of India's Kandla Free Trade Zone, Ashok Bhatia, met Monday with officials of the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry to discuss the facilities and incentives provided for the setting up of 100 percent export-oriented units in the zone.

Bhatia arrived here Sunday at the head of a delegation of six industrialists from the zone to explore the possibilities of export of various engineering and consumer products manufactured in the free trade zone and also to seek Saudi Arabian investment in new units in the area.

He told *Arab News* that in this first free trade zone established by the Indian government in 1965, 82 units covering engineering, chemical, pharmaceutical, textile, plastics, processed food, handicraft, cosmetics, soap and detergent and ready-made garment industries, are already in operation and additional 95 proposals have been approved.

"The industrial policy authorizes the consideration of even fully owned foreign companies in the zone, where all approvals are given at one single point within 45 days," said Bhatia. No import license is required for import of capital goods, raw materials, spares, tooling or packing material and are exempt from customs duties, he added.

He said this only multi-product free trade zone is strategically situated on the Indian west coast busy trade lines between the high consumption centers of Europe and developing markets of Asia and Africa. It is connected by railway with Bombay (791 kilometers) and has daily air service with Bombay.

The electricity and water supply is assured along with other services such as banking, post and telegraph office, hotels, housing and educational facilities.

The total export from the zone during the last ten months (April 1982-January 1983) was around \$130 million against the target set at \$100 million for the whole year. Last year's total export was around \$70 million, he added.

Bhatia said many multinationals and leading industrialists who have established their plants in the zone include Ciba-Geigy, Tata Oil Mills, Pond's Exports, Dodsai, Mohan Meakins, Milton's, Lakme and Ambalal Sarabhai. Some of the major approved industries include Hindustan Lever, Hoechst Pharmaceuticals, Sandoz and Birla Group's Indian Rayon Mills, he added.

Gulf war, Mideast reviewed

GCC ministers end parley

RIYADH, Feb. 21 (SPA) — The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) foreign ministers concluded a two-day meeting here Sunday night.

The ministers reviewed the Iraq-Iran war, issues on the agenda of the upcoming nonaligned summit due to take place in New Delhi next month, the situation in the Middle East and the economic and military situation in the Gulf region.

The council is made up of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman.

At the end of the meeting, Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammad bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa told reporters that the council's sixth ordinary ministerial session was aimed at following up resolutions and directives adopted by the Gulf summit held in Manama in November. He said the ministers reviewed the political situation in the Arab region in general and the Gulf region in particular.

"The ministers also discussed questions of mutual interest and agreed on continuing coordination to deal with such questions," he added.

He said the ministers entrusted the GCC finance ministers to follow up the constituent steps relating to the formation of the Gulf

Video game shops ordered closed

JEDDAH, Feb. 21 — All electronic game shops here have been ordered closed by Makkah Deputy Governor Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen, *Al-Madina* reported Monday. The prince also set up a committee to examine the exact nature of such shops and report to him, according to Assistant Mayor



Sheikh Muhammad bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa

Investment Corporation so as to start its activities in accordance with the related accord.

The Bahraini minister stated that the ministerial council's deliberations had concentrated on political, economic, industrial, agricultural and oil issues. He said the council reached a unanimous agreement on implementing resolutions which could enhance cooperation among the GCC member states in various sectors.

Dr. Muhammad Ali Qattan who said that the order was carried out as of Saturday.

The committee is made up of representatives of Jeddah Municipality, the police, the Board for the Encouragement of Virtue and the Elimination of Vice, and Jeddah's district commissioner.

BRIEFS

Support praised

SANAA (SPA) — North Yemen's Minister of Education Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Al-Ashari has expressed his gratitude in the Yemeni newspaper *Al-Thawra* for Saudi Arabia's support to Yemen in the field of education. More than 1,700 Yemeni students have scholarships at Saudi Arabian universities, and 2,600 are studying abroad at the expense of the Saudi Arabian government. The Kingdom also set up 41 schools in various parts of North Yemen.

Arbor week

JEDDAH — A plant-a-tree week opened Saturday in various parts of Saudi Arabia. Special ceremonies were organized by the agricultural department. The governor of each province planted the first sapling.

In Makkah, Deputy Governor Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen gave the green light to the campaign and visited a plant exhibition, *Al-Madina* reported. Some 93,084 saplings were distributed to sub-municipalities in Makkah between 1977 and 1982.

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Turkey plans 2nd export products fair in April

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 21 — Turkey, which almost doubled its exports to the Kingdom last year, is organizing its second export products fair at the Jeddah Expo Center from April 9 to 16, according to Turkish Embassy Commercial Counselor Osman Oktay Elgin.

Elgin told Arab News the fair will be one of the largest of its kind, with nearly 250 Turkish businessmen expected to come to establish direct contacts with buyers. Turkey's first fair was organized by Intertek at the same place last year.

Elgin said Turkey's exports to Saudi Arabia in the first eleven months of last year totaled \$312.7 million, increase of 99 percent compared with exports in 1981.

"The total exports for the last year are expected to reach around \$350 million against \$187 million in 1981," Elgin said.

The major items accounting for the increase in exports are live animals, fresh meat, foodstuffs, marble, cement, plastic articles, timber, carpets, readymade garments, building materials, metal household items, kitchen utensils, refrigerators, automobile spare parts, furniture and agricultural machinery.

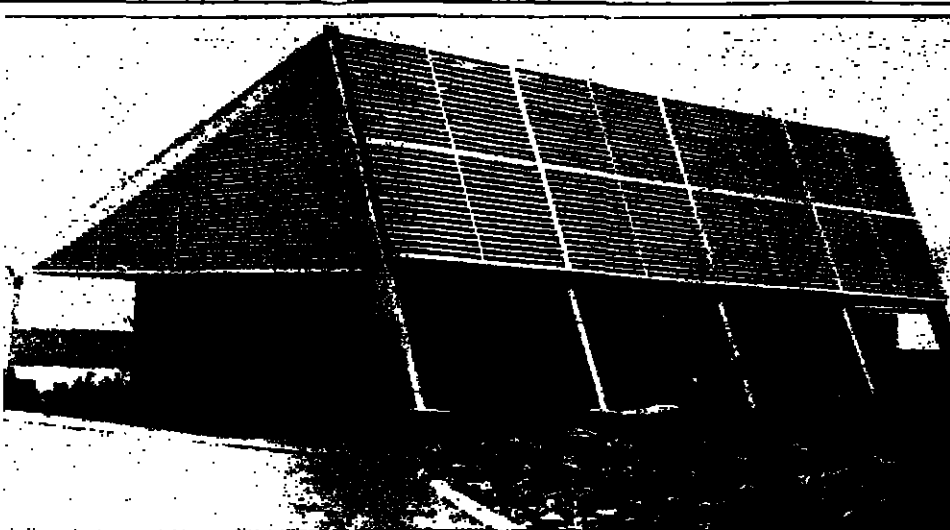
The fair organizer Intertek's Vice President Sina Dicleli said the Jeddah Expo fair will be one of ten trade fairs his company has planned for the current year. It had organized a large fair in Sharjah two months ago. Dicleli said nearly 250 exporters are expected to arrive here on April 5 along with some of the economic ministers, top officials and bankers. They will meet with chamber of commerce officials and importers.

Around 100 companies will display a wide range of products which will include decorative construction material, furniture and decor, upholstery and curtain fabric, classical hand-made carpets, imitation jewelry, bathroom and kitchen accessories, handicraft, foodstuffs, fabrics and read-made garments, he added.

Farm project licenses issued

RIYADH, Feb. 21 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Resources Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh has issued licenses to set up four projects worth over SR29 million in various parts of the Kingdom.

The projects will be implemented by the private sector and financed by the Saudi Agricultural Bank. They include a plan to grow wheat, a plant to produce silage and two sheep-breeding centers.



SOLAR EXPERIMENT: The Kingdom has led the world in recent years with solar villages and experiments like the one shown here proving very successful and leading the way for permanent installations. Leading scientists in this field are now meeting in Riyadh to discuss their findings and future plans.

National center's objective to promote applied research

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 21 — The Saudi Arabian National Center for Science and Technology (Sanct) was established toward the end of 1977 and is presently housed in an imposing new five-story building near Riyadh's International Airport.

According to Harvard-educated Sanct Deputy Chairman Dr. Hashim A. Yamani, the center's object is to boost research, particularly applied research, activities through the Kingdom. The center gives material and moral support to various research projects in the country and has long-term plans, covering a period of more than a quarter of a century.

The center coordinates the activities of various organizations in the Kingdom, in such a way that they respond to the developmental requirements of the country. Sanct tries to interface with the Ministry of Planning to find out what the requirements of the Kingdom's development plan are, in so far as science and technology are concerned.

Sanct is also a grant-giving institution, apart from having the function of rendering basic and essential services to the researchers to enable them carry out their research. While the emphasis is on the Saudization of the research personnel, there are presently researchers drawn from various sources and countries.

Three basic needs

According to Dr. Yamani, there are three basic infrastructural needs for the development of science and technology as far as the Kingdom is concerned.

First, an information system is necessary that gives the right information at the right time, not only for researchers but for decision-makers as well.

Second, there has to be strong support for experimental research. And last, but by no means the least, is an infrastructure that is more in the "abstract", in other words the moral support and positive attitude which the researcher needs to be shown.

Sanct has an independent department in Riyadh where there are computerized facilities for quick information-retrieval, and a section for translating foreign works into Arabic.

"The Center also has sophisticated machinery and instrumentation as part of the technical support for the researchers," according to Dr. Yamani.

Sanct's translation program is an extensive one and encompasses the translation of such things as basic popular sciences, science-awareness films and comic strips, science magazines, scientific theses submitted by Saudi Arabian nationals to institutions of learning where English is the medium.

National laboratories planned

One of the immediate and chief aims of Sanct is to build two well-equipped and adequately manned national laboratories. One will have the responsibility of looking into energy-use patterns in the Kingdom and suggest alternative uses for energy; and the second one will be charged with the responsibility of carrying out research in arid land technology.

The second laboratory will carry out

research and then suggest the best ways of de-desertifying the land. The first one is to be a focal point in the Kingdom for monitoring what goes on around the world and help advise the government on certain energy policies. Some of the available energy resources need to be cultivated.

'Science city' contracted

Sanct plans to create a community of scientists and technologists in a self-contained "science city" on a 100-hectare piece of land in Dir'ye, in the northwest of Riyadh. It has entered into a SR10 million contract with a local firm of architects for designing and supervising the construction of the city. The proposed city will have an infrastructure that will include: a shopping center, mosques and other communal facilities. The city is expected to be ready for occupation toward the end of 1985 or early 1986, if all goes according to the plan.

Sanct is braced to play a leading role in the scientific and technological development of the Kingdom in the years to come. As Dr. Yamani pointed out, it is an organization that orchestrates and coordinates the activities of researchers, "a center where people and ideas meet together."

Grants sanctioned

Sanct sanctioned about SR51 million for 42 applied research projects in various universities and technical institutions in the Kingdom in 1981, the highest in number and value since the beginning of the grant program in 1980.

According to Dr. Asem Y. Bokhari, the scientific research director of Sanct whose chairman and executive director is Dr. Rida Obaid, the highest number of research projects has been sanctioned to King Abdul Aziz University of Jeddah. Sanct has committed more than \$12 million for some 13 applied research projects at the university.

The next large allotment went to the University of Petroleum and Minerals, with 12 projects worth about SR6.57 million. King Saud University of Riyadh has seven projects with an approximate grant of SR13 million. While three medical research projects of the King Faisal University of Dammam have been sanctioned at about SR13 million, and its Al-Hasa campus also received SR3 million for two projects.

Sanct has awarded two projects of about SR3 million to the Saudi Arabian Standards Organization (SASO) as well. In addition, Sanct has approved two national projects, on one highways safety and the other on the control of leishmaniasis, an epidemic disease.

Applied research

According to Bokhari, Sanct has commissioned 72 applied research proposals with a grant program of about SR60 million. Including the 1982 program, the projects total 114 and the total grants SR111 million. Among them are two joint projects with the Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, one on locally available building materials and the other on the utilization of palm leaves and chicken manure as feeds.

Sanct granted SR22 million for these programs, which started toward the end of 1981. The center has already called for proposals for its fifth grant program from all universities and research institutions.

Riyadh seminar under way Scientists reviewing solar energy program

RIYADH, Feb. 21 (SPA) — More than 30 internationally-known scientists arrived here Monday to participate in a seminar during which the Kingdom's experience in the field of solar energy will be reviewed. During the three-day seminar, organized by the Saudi Arabian National Center for Science and Technology (Sanct) new developments in the use of solar energy and photovoltaic power systems (PVPS) operations will be discussed.

The scientists, from Saudi Arabia, the United States, West Germany, France, Denmark and Spain, were invited to the Kingdom by Sanct Director Dr. Rida Ubaid. Recommendations made during the seminar will be taken into consideration in elaborating the future research plan under the Kingdom's solar energy program.

One purpose of the seminar will be to assess the results of the Saudi Arabian solar experiments consisting of the establishment of a model solar village at Al-Aynayyah and Al-Jubailah.

The scientists said that the project was the largest in the world aimed at supplying energy to remote areas cut off from the traditional electric power network. They predicted that in the long run, the project should be capable of producing 1,000 kilowatts of electricity. The efforts of Saudi Arabian youth in assisting with the establishment of the project played a great part in making the experiment a success according to a Sanct spokesman.

The seminar's recommendations are expected to be given top attention by the Kingdom for its future research in the field of solar energy.

Saudi Arabia operates the world's largest

solar power generation plant undertaken by the Saudi Arabian-United States program for Cooperation in the Field of Solar Energy (Soleras).

The Soleras program was implemented under the auspices of a joint U.S.-Saudi Economic Commission and sponsored by Sanct.

The Kingdom has installed a 350-kilowatt photovoltaic system to supply more than 3,000 villagers with electricity.

It was the first project undertaken by Soleras to develop practical ways of bringing electricity to remote areas with a low density of population.

The system, designed by the U.S. air space firm Marietta, began operation in October 1981.

Al-Uyanah and Al-Jubailah villages in the Wadi Hanifah, 50 kilometers northwest of Riyadh were selected under the Saudi solar village project in view of their small population, easy access to the capital city and the urgent needs of the communities.

The objectives of Soleras program are to advance the development of solar energy technology and facilitate the transfer of technology in four broad areas:

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— Industrial applications for solar technology; and

— Resource development activities.

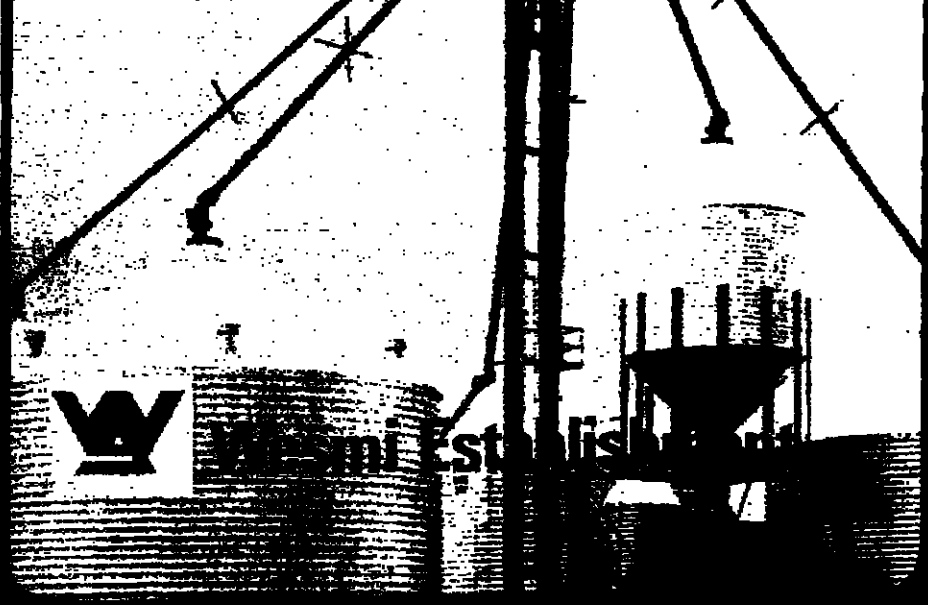
The Soleras agreement signed by the two governments in October 1977 was originally established for five years but was recently extended until January 1986.

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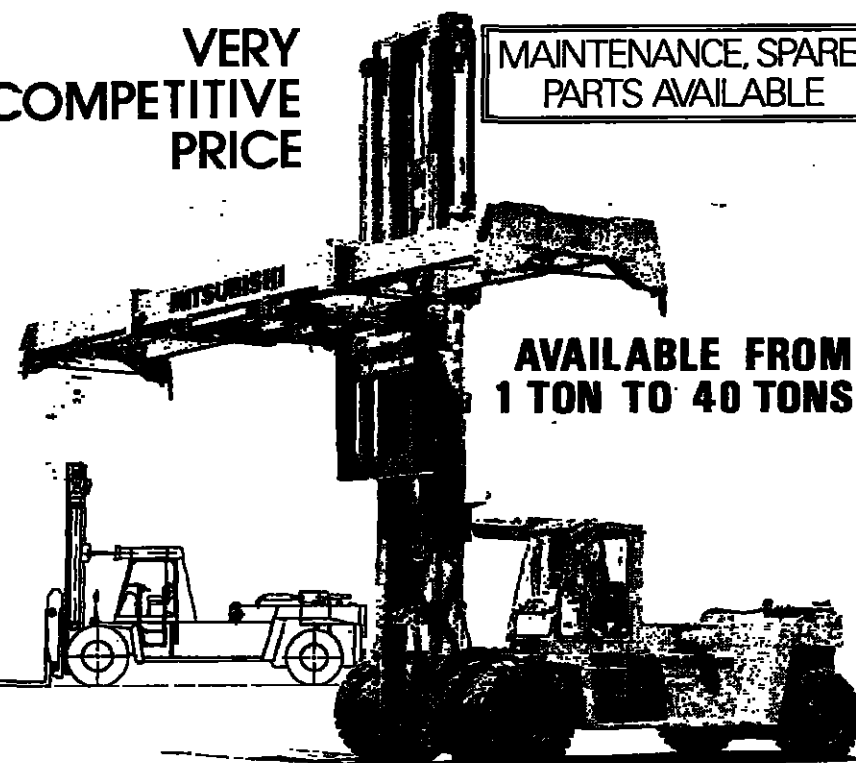
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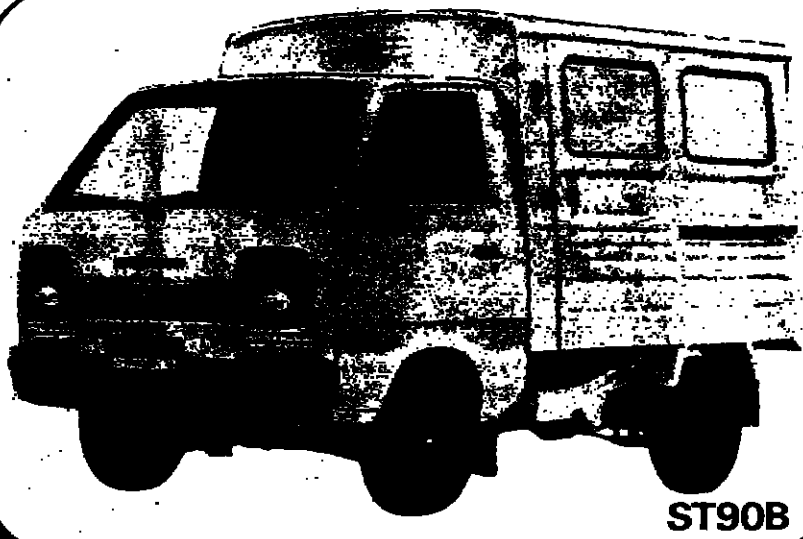


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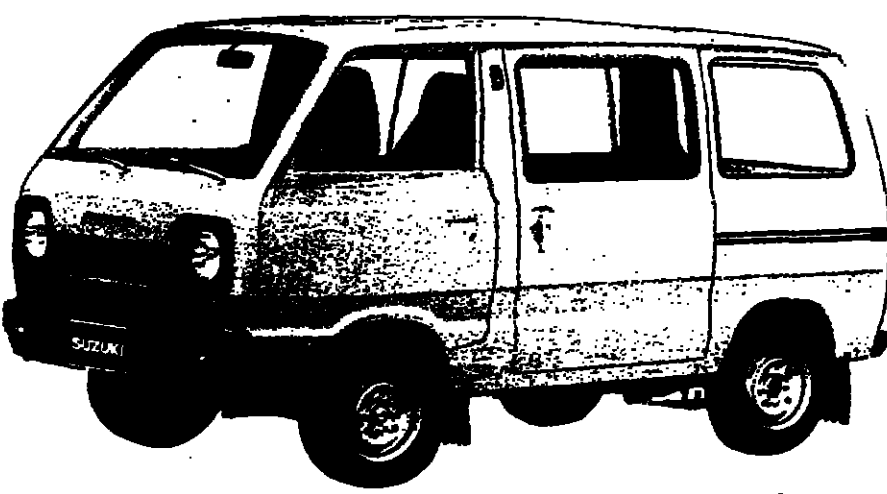
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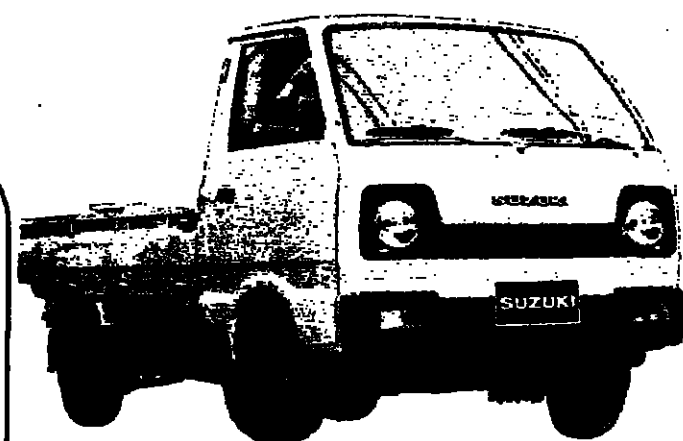


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Mubarak meets Numeiri today

Libyan border tension eases, U.S., Egypt say

BEIRUT, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — Tension on the Sudan-Libyan border has decreased, according to the United States and Egypt, but Sudan has reported a continued Libyan troop buildup there despite denials from Tripoli.

Sudanese Information Minister Muhammad Osman Abusau said in Khartoum Sunday that Libya still had troops concentrated on the borders of Sudan and Chad, supported by Soviet-made jet fighters and bombers.

The minister was quoted by the official Sudan News Agency as saying Tupolev bombers and MiG-23 jet fighters had been sent to the border area of Kufra and to Libyan-occupied regions of northern Chad.

Meanwhile, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is scheduled to go Tuesday to the Sudanese capital Khartoum for talks with President Jaafar Numeiri, his closest Arab and African ally, on bilateral ties and regional tensions. They are expected also to discuss last week's tension generated by reported Libyan military buildup.

In Washington, however, U.S. Secretary of

State George Shultz said in a television interview that the Libyan threat to Sudan had receded. He said Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi was "back in his box."

Shultz would not confirm reports that the U.S. had recalled four AWACS reconnaissance planes sent to Egypt to monitor Libyan air movements. But his remarks indicated that the U.S. believed the problem had now eased.

On Saturday, Col. Qaddafi, who has accused the U.S. of threatening his country, denied his troops were massed on Sudan's borders and said he wanted the United Nations Security Council to inspect the area to prove it. "It (the Security Council) can see there are no Libyan troops at all and no Libyan bases in this area," he told NBC Television in an interview in Tripoli.

On Sunday, the Libyan news agency Jana said the U.S. Sixth Fleet had withdrawn from an area where it berthed off the Libyan coast and was heading for Mediterranean high seas.

Rabat to boycott OAU summit if Polisario attends

NAIROBI, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — Morocco would again boycott a summit of the Organization of African Unity, called for May or June in Ethiopia, if the Polisario Front attends, the Moroccan ambassador to Kenya said Monday.

Saab Taib said the recommendation made last Friday by 12 African leaders to convene the twice-aborted 19th summit was a "set-back" because it did not resolve the Western Sahara issue. Polisario officials said in Nairobi that they would attend the summit.

"Under no circumstances can we sit beside the Polisario in a meeting," Taib said in a telephone interview. Morocco and the Polisario are battling each other for control of the former Spanish Sahara.

Calling last week's meeting a failure, he said: "We are back to square one." Morocco led a walkout against admitting the Polisario as the OAU's 51st member to a summit scheduled for last August in Tripoli, Libya.

The front voluntarily stayed away from an attempt to hold the meeting in Tripoli, but the session collapsed because of Libya's refusal to seat the new Chadian regime.

Blasts handiwork of Iraqi rebels

BEIRUT, Feb. 21 (AFP) — An Iraqi dissident group, the Iraqi Mujahideen, has claimed responsibility for recent bomb attacks on French targets in Karachi, the Lebanese daily *Al-Nahar*, said Monday.

The four explosions were against the French Consulate, two Air France offices and the French School in Karachi. An anonymous phone call to the newspaper said Sunday, the group would continue to hit French interests all over the world as long as France supported Iraq in its war against Iran.

Pakistani authorities declined to comment on this claim.

Twelve Iranians, most of them students, are still being interrogated by the anti-terrorist squad.

Extra security measures are being taken to protect French property and citizens. Jean Gory, the French ambassador in Islamabad said Monday.

Meanwhile, at Lahore, capital of Punjab, where a bomb damaged the residence of the French Consul Malik Jehangir and destroyed his car on Saturday night. 25 Pakistani suspects were released after questioning. A reliable source said no foreigners had been interrogated.

In another development Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister Pelegrin Torres de la Luz Sunday discussed the program of the upcoming nonaligned summit with President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq in Islamabad, official sources said.

For reinstating Sharon

Begin team comes under fire

TEL AVIV, Feb. 21 (AP) — Israeli opposition leaders are denouncing a cabinet decision reinstating former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon to a key policy-making role on Lebanon.

Sharon, removed as defense minister for failing to prevent the Beirut massacre, will be able to promote his hardline views when he returns to his post on the committee guiding the Israeli negotiating stance in the troop withdrawal talks with Lebanon. Although he was not formally removed from the committee, his seat had been dependent on his position as defense minister.

Opposition political leaders, already angered that Sharon was allowed to remain



in the cabinet after resigning from the Defense Ministry, immediately denounced Sunday's Cabinet action.

"It is totally unacceptable," said a statement from the Labor Party that was broadcast over Israel radio. The centrist Shinui Party demanded an urgent discussion of the decision in parliament.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin hurried Sharon's reinstatement to the committee through his weekly cabinet session, leaving one minister unaware that Sharon had been reinstated on the committee. There was only one dissenting vote.

The impetuous, hard-driving Sharon was the mastermind of Israel's June 6 invasion of Lebanon. He was forced to resign from the Defense Ministry last week, after a government panel said he bore responsibility for the massacre of hundreds of Palestinians last Sept. 16-18 at two refugee camps in Israeli-ruled West Beirut.

After he was forced from his defense post, Sharon was allowed to remain in the Cabinet as a minister without portfolio.

Sources within the Cabinet said they felt Sharon had been sufficiently "punished" by the loss of the defense portfolio. Numerous commentators here said they believed the decision was based on Begin's desire to accord Sharon immediate responsibilities in an effort to keep him from forming an extreme-right pressure group within the ruling Likud coalition.

These analysts described Sunday's decision as a clever play by Begin to defuse pressure to his right while maintaining control over anti-Sharon elements in his Cabinet. Most Israeli newspapers pointed out Monday that despite his reappointment to the two committees Sharon would no longer wield the kind of power he held as defense minister.

Bahrain urges end to Iran-Iraq war

BAHRAIN, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — Bahrain's ruler Sheikh Isa bin Sulman Al-Khalifa called on Iran and Iraq to end the 29-month-old Gulf war through negotiations.

Somalia jails two Italians

MOGADISHU, Feb. 21 (AFP) — The Somali National Security Court Saturday jailed two Italians for five years each and fined them a total of 103,740 Somali shillings (about \$6,916) on currency smuggling charges.

Fanucchi Sercio and Ernesto Cratti were arrested at Mogadishu airport while trying to smuggle foreign currency, equivalent to 34,570 Somali shillings (about \$2,308).

"Those who are being killed are neighbors, Muslims and brothers," he said in an interview with the Saudi Arabian newspaper *Al-Yaum*. He said Bahrain was increasingly concerned over attempts by outside powers to destabilize the Gulf.

In 1980 Bahrain said it had foiled an Iranian-backed attempt to overthrow the regime. The Gulf states have given Iraq strong financial backing in its war against Iran.

Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammad Ibn Mubarak Al-Khalifa said Sunday night the Gulf countries regretted a recent statement by Syria, Libya and Iran which supported Iraq. "We feel the Damascus statement did not help end the war," he said after a two-day meeting in Riyadh of the six-state Gulf Cooperation Council.

Pullout talks postponed as blizzard plays havoc

BEHAMDOUN, Lebanon, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — Efforts continued to reach motorists stranded in Lebanon's central mountains by a blizzard that killed 39 persons and forced postponement of Monday's talks on foreign troop withdrawal from the country.

A U.N. officer escorting Red Cross ambulances through the snow and sleet on Sunday said the death toll could be expected to rise. Heavy snow also was reported in Syria and Israel.

Rescue squads from the Lebanese army, civil defense corps and Red Cross found the frozen bodies of 30 motorists in snow-buried cars on the Beirut-Damascus Highway, police said.

Gale-force winds generated by the storm hurled giant waves against the ancient Mediterranean city of Tyblos 30 kilometers north of Beirut, blowing down persons and damaging several seaside buildings, police said.

Police also said four Lebanese soldiers perished in the rescue operation on the highway between the ski resorts of Mdeinef and Dahr El-Bakhar, where 180 motorists were rescued and efforts continued to rescue others.

The Syrian army in the Bekaa Valley sent out rescue units when the tragedy of trapped motorists began to unfold late Saturday. The Israelis in Behamdoun fired illuminating flares for Lebanese rescuers, police said.

The multinational peacekeeping force of U.S. Marines, French paratroopers and Italian soldiers stood by for emergency life-saving missions in the mountains east of Beirut.

The storm forced cancellation of Monday's round of troop withdrawal talks between the United States, Israel and Lebanon, a government spokesman reported in Beirut.

The issue of a return of southern Lebanon to Lebanese government control remained the main stumbling block to the tripartite negotiations, informed sources reported.

U.S. special envoy Philip Habib, who returned here Feb. 8, will attempt this week to draw the Israeli and Lebanese views closer together, sources said.

At Thursday's talks, chief Lebanese delegate Antoine Fattal said there was no compromise possible on the two issues of Israeli demands to set up early warning stations in southern Lebanon, and the continued presence of the United Nations Truce Force in Lebanon (UNTF) and the multinational peacekeeping force in Beirut and other areas.

Dhaka observes Martyrs Day

DHAKA, Feb. 21 (R) — Bangladesh marked the anniversary of Martyrs Day Monday, only a week after violent clashes between police and student protesters against martial law in which five persons were killed.

Tens of thousands of Bangladeshis filed past the monument and graves of four nationalist students shot by police during a demonstration in 1952 to support demands that Bengali be recognized as a national language.

Bangladesh's ruler, Gen. Hussein Muhammad Ershad, escorted by heavily armed troops and police, laid the first of thousands of wreaths on the monument.

Dhaka was calm Monday, with security forces keeping a low profile. There was no evidence of disturbance despite the temporary lifting of a curfew imposed last week.

BRIEFS

CAIRO, (AP) — Indian Vice President Hidayatullah Muhammad met President Hosni Mubarak Monday. He did not make any statement to reporters after the meeting.

BOSTON (AP) — Two young Lebanese brothers arrived here on Sunday for further treatment of their hands, which were badly burned when Israeli bombs fell on a refugee camp near Beirut last fall. Ahmad Dbouk, 13, and brother Ali, 11, posed briefly with their mother for photographers at Logan International Airport.

CAIRO (AP) — An American Jewish leader said Monday he is convinced Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is "a real man of peace." Max Fisher, head of the Jewish Agency, spoke to reporters after an hour-long meeting with Mubarak.

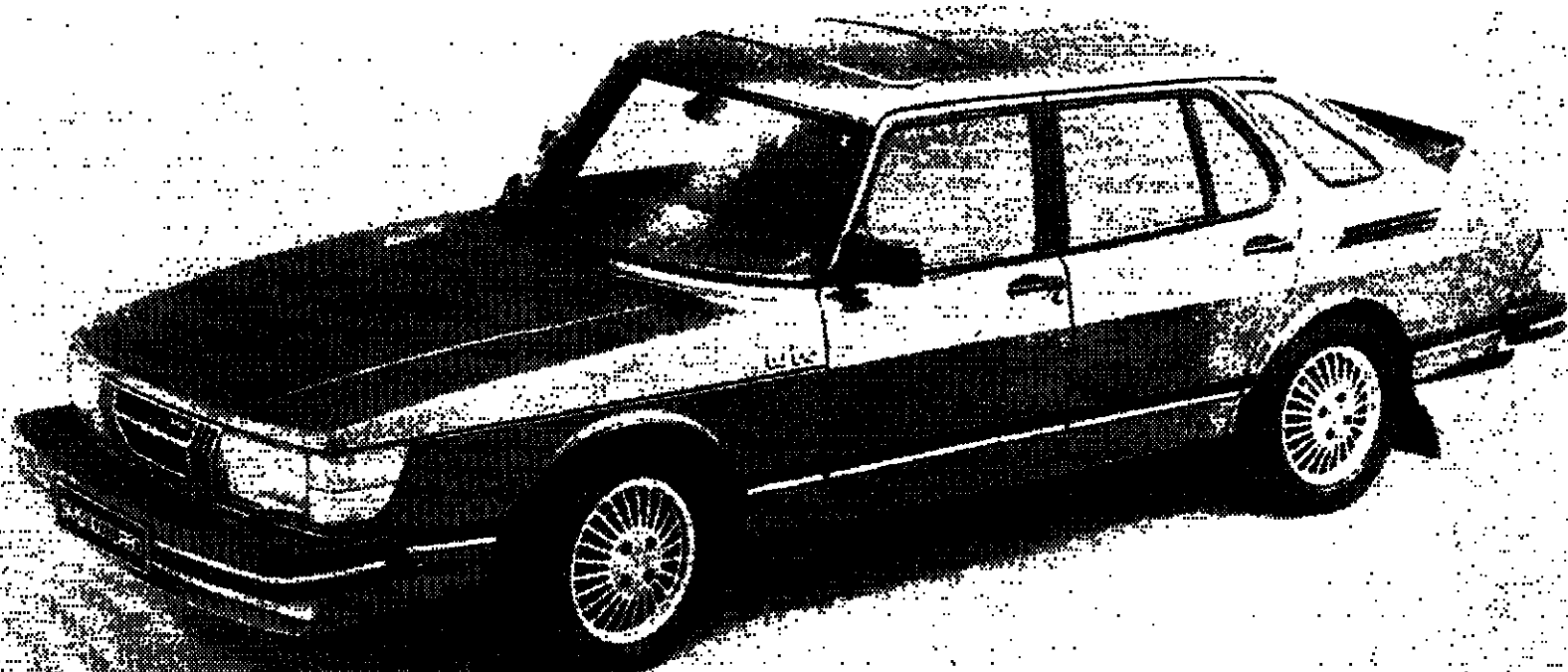
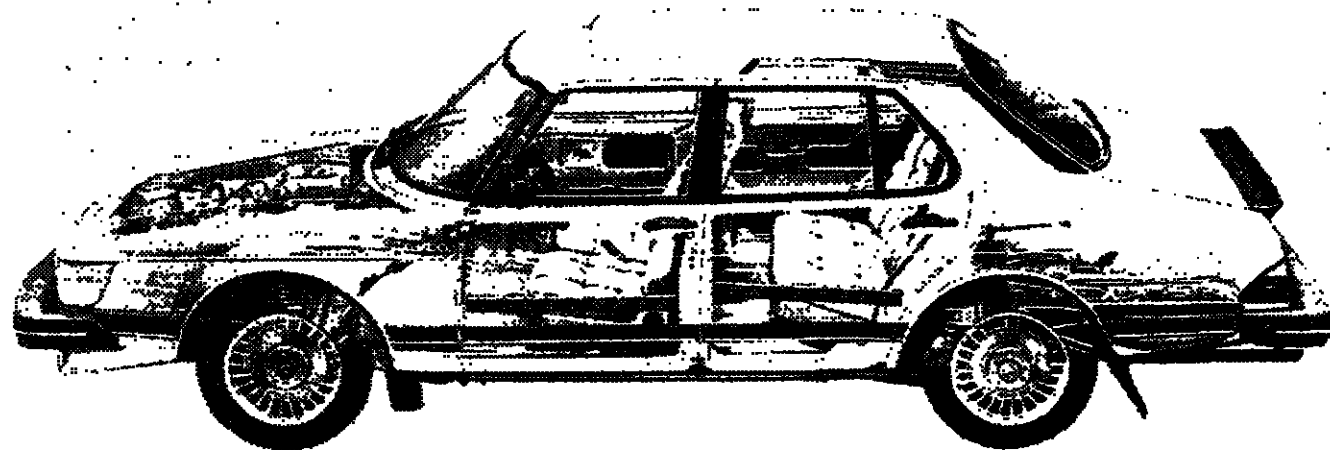
NEW YORK (APF) — Former Algerian President Ahmad Ben Bella, who left his French home-in-exile after it was searched by police last month, said in an interview just published here that he was in no hurry to return because he no longer trusted the French.

BEIRUT, (Agencies) — A 20-year-old French soldier with the multinational buffer force in Beirut died here Monday, from injuries received when his gun went off accidentally, a French military spokesman said.

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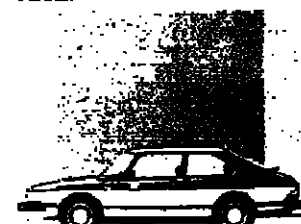
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America 'protected several top Nazis'

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (R) — Klaus Barbie, expelled from Bolivia to France this month to be tried for crimes against humanity, was just one of several senior Nazis protected by U.S. officials in exchange for their knowledge of Soviet activities or scientific expertise, American investigators told Reuters.

Gaiety, music back in Hanoi

HANOI, Feb. 21 (AFP) — Burgeoning social change — manifested in pop music, full coffee houses and public dance festivals — has injected a note of gaiety and enthusiasm to the Lunar New Year, or Tet, that was missing two years ago.

A color video tape of the Western pop groups 'Abba' and 'Smoky' has been playing in packed houses at Lenin Park (formerly Thong Nhat). Until recently, such public screenings would have been illegal, although the tape has been shown privately in youth clubs that past two months.

Western-style pop groups from Saigon have appeared on Hanoi television, and when a Polish group recently played at Hanoi's municipal theater, black market tickets went for 10 times the box office price.

"It is as if authorities have given up fighting the people's evident desire for outside contact and are channeling it instead," an observer said. This same "channeling" is occurring with respect to the private coffee houses which proliferated when rules on family businesses were relaxed.

Several were shut down after they became gathering places for foreigners. Others turned foreigners away — apologetically — "for fear of the police." But the modern state-run cafeterias that have since sprung up serve everyone.

Foreigners have also been openly welcomed for brief visits in Vietnamese households for this New Year's celebrations, although this is still technically against the law. Dancing to "decadent" music — public and private — has made a recent comeback after a 20-year ban. Young men are shedding their black trousers, conical hats and greenish helmets, or blue jeans and bright T-shirts, and young girls are wearing earrings and makeup.

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George Kennan, who served as U.S. ambassador in Moscow in 1952 and is considered one of the nation's leading experts on Soviet affairs, told Reuters that one of the high-level Nazi officials brought to the United States after World War II was Adolf Hitler's Deputy Foreign Minister Gustav Hilger.

"We were very glad he was here because he had a tremendous knowledge about the Soviet Union ... We brought him here because we were worried that if we didn't the Soviets would get him," Kennan said.

Kennan first met Hilger when they served at their respective embassies in Moscow in the 1930s. Hilger later returned to Berlin, where he served under Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, who was hanged at the post-1945 war crimes trials in Nuremberg.

Kennan referred to Hilger, now dead, as "a very decent man" and to his knowledge not guilty of any war crimes. He said he was unaware of any payments made to Hilger by the United States.

But according to war criminal expert Charles Allen Jr., on his return from Moscow Hilger became "the liaison between Ribbentrop's office and the SS Einsatzgruppen, or 'special task forces,' which murdered some 1.4 million Soviets on the eastern front."

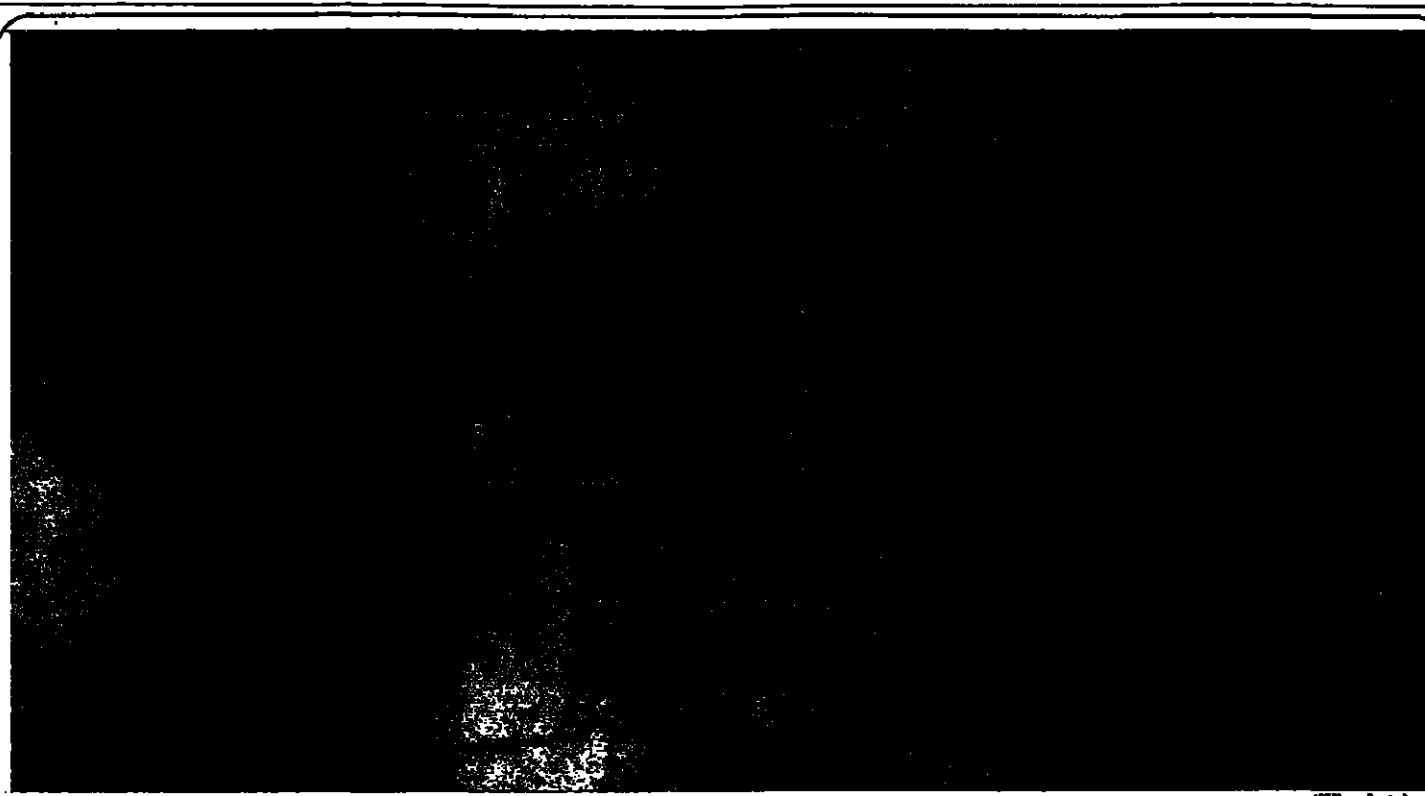
Allen added, in his 1963 book *Nazi War Criminals Among Us*, that Hilger was paid by the CIA and the State Department as a consultant on Soviet affairs.

A 1978 report by the General Accounting Office (GAO), the investigative arm of Congress, referred to payments made to an unnamed "senior official of the German Foreign Ministry during the Nazi era" who was an expert on Soviet affairs. The report said the CIA had sought assistance from some 22 ex-Nazis living in the United States after World War II.

Brooklyn District Attorney Elizabeth Holtzman, who while a U.S. congresswoman in the 1970s worked toward greater prosecution of war criminals, said ex-Nazis discussed in the GAO report were not in the United States "by chance" and that many were assisted by U.S. agencies in avoiding prosecution.

"The Barbie allegations are not new in the sense of the involvement of the U.S. government with ex-Nazis and war criminals," she said. "It's a very sordid part of this country's past."

Erhard Dabringhaus, a former U.S. military intelligence officer, who said he paid ex-Gestapo chief Barbie \$1,700 a month as an informant and helped him get new identity papers, said his superiors were well aware of Barbie's background.



KIDS' PROGRAM: Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez gets ready to take part in a kids' questions and answers program. The two unidentified eight-graders questioned the premier on a live-radio program Saturday that lasted over 30 minutes.

Centrist coalition in Spain disbands

MADRID, Feb. 21 (AFP) — The centrist UCD political coalition, which governed Spain from the end of the Franco dictatorship until last October's elections, decided here over the weekend to disband.

The decision simply ratified a situation imposed by Spanish voters — who last Oct. 28 swept the Socialists into power with an absolute parliamentary majority, made the previously small right-wing Popular Alliance (AP) the No. 2 party, and shattered the already divided factions of the center.

The UCD (Democratic Center Union) had already run short of funds following its disastrous showing at the polls, and had been sap-

Surinam to close embassy in Hague

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Feb. 21 (AP) — Surinam will close its embassy here and its consulate in Amsterdam "for security reasons" Surinamese Ambassador Henk Herrenberg said.

In an interview with the National News Service Herrenberg said Sunday that the Dutch government was unable to guarantee his safety. He gave no indication when the closures would take effect, or how Surinamese affairs would be handled in the Netherlands without the diplomatic offices.

Saturday the Surinamese ambassador was met at Amsterdam Airport by two photo-

graphers by repeated defections for more than a year.

Landelino Lavilla, 44, successor to former Premier Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo at the head of the UCD, resigned as chairman of the survivors. Juan Antonio Ortega gave up his post as UCD secretary-general. The resignations triggered yet another walkout: the Christian Democratic wing moved off to join the Popular Democratic Party (PDP), an earlier UCD breakaway group.

During its heyday, UCD represented a wide spectrum of middle-of-the-road forces and presided over the post-Franco transition to democracy and constitutional monarchy. But its end came in sight with the right-left

polarization in the run-up to last autumn's elections. The UCD ship which now has been scuttled first showed signs of serious leaks in October 1981 when it suffered serious losses in elections for an autonomous regional parliament in Galicia, a handful of northwestern provinces. Other electoral defeats and factional splits followed.

A major blow was the defection of the coalition's left-of-center Social Democratic wing in November 1981. This group, headed by former Justice Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordenez, formed a new Democratic Action Party (PAD), which is currently moving into the ranks of Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez' Spanish Socialist Worker Party (PSOE).

Another mortal wound to the UCD came last summer when former Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez, founder of the party in 1977, left to form a new grouping called the Social and Democratic Center (CDS). Two further

factions split away in the course of last year. In last October's elections the centrist, who had previously held an absolute majority in the 350-seat Congress of Deputies, managed to win a mere 14 seats.

Adolfo Suarez was among the few centrists returned to parliament, but among the many who lost their seats were ex-Premier Calvo Sotelo and his interior minister, Juan Jose Roson, who was responsible for supervising the vote count and announcing the results.

Nine killed in Japan fire

TOKYO, Feb. 21 (AP) — At least nine persons were killed and two others missing Monday in a pre-dawn fire that destroyed six hotel buildings at a busy ski resort in northern Japan.

Firefighters battled the blaze for 2 1/2 hours in a blowing snowstorm, with the temperature at minus 10 degrees Celsius (14 F).

Authorities said the fire was discovered about 4 a.m. (1900 GMT Sunday) on the second floor of the four-story Zao Kanko Hotel in Zao Onsen (hot springs), 300 kilometers north of Tokyo.

Police said the fire spread to a hotel annex and four buildings of the adjacent Kashiwaya Hotel as firemen struggled to reach the scene through narrow, snow-clogged streets. The six buildings, all made of wood, were destroyed.

Authorities said the cause of the fire had not been established and the damaged could not be estimated immediately.

Nine bodies were found in the wreckage. Two other persons were unaccounted for, police said. Earlier, they had reported six guests, four employees and the hotel owner's father, were missing at the Zao Kanko Hotel.

The Zao Kanko Hotel had 96 guests. All 84 guests at the Kashiwaya Hotel escaped unharmed, police said.

Army breaks siege of Salvador town

SAN SALVADOR, Feb. 21 (AFP) — The El Salvadoran Army has broken a nine-day guerrilla siege of the northern town of Suchitoto, a military source said there. "The siege is over, and the situation is back to normal," a Suchitoto-based officer said in answer to a telephone inquiry from the capital.

Some of Suchitoto's 10,000 residents were able to get away before leftist guerrilla forces encircled the town. For those who remained, water and electricity were cut off and food supplies were running low, although some stocks were flown in.

Military sources said the army put 3,500 troops into the field on Friday to attack an estimated 2,500 guerrillas at the town, in Cuscatlan province, 43 kilometers northeast of San Salvador. Military sources here, claiming success for the counteroffensive, did not announce government losses. The guerrilla command did not immediately issue any counterclaim.

Earlier in the day, auxiliary bishop Gregorio Rossa Chavez denounced from the pulpit here the "inhumanity" of the siege.

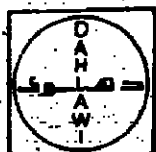
Last Sunday interim archbishop Arturo Rivera Damas called for a truce between army and guerrilla forces before Pope John Paul II's scheduled March 6 visit here. Defense Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia rejected the idea this weekend.

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Marcos names likely successor

MANILA, Feb. 21 (AP) — President Ferdinand E. Marcos said Monday that Prime Minister Cesar Virata could be elected president and is the most likely person to succeed him as "father figure" of the Philippines.

Marcos said the military and his cabinet, including first lady Imelda Marcos, have agreed to support whoever is prime minister if Marcos dies or is disabled before his term ends in 1987. It was the first time Marcos has said the prime minister would be his likely successor.

Marcos said others, including Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile and Labor Minister Blas Ople would like to be prime minister, but he said they would rally behind Virata in the event anything happens to him.

Marcos indicated the prime ministership might still be rotated among those or others, but added, "right now you have Cesar Virata."

"All the others have agreed to help him," Marcos said in an interview. Asked if Virata, who is also finance minister and not known to have a significant political following, could win an election, Marcos said, "you know better. He can win an election."

Should Marcos resign, die or become disabled, the constitution turns the presidency over to a 10-member executive committee now headed by Virata. The committee would then be required to hold an election for president within a set period.

Marcos said the first lady, who is also

human settlements minister and governor of metropolitan Manila, would leave office when he does. Mrs. Marcos has said the same thing.

"While many people treat her as an ambitious lady," Marcos said, "the truth of the matter is she's working hard because she's my wife. She is not the type who would want to be president."

Marcos, 65, said a woman probably could be president of the Philippines if she wanted to, "but this would not be the time." He said the prime minister may need Mrs. Marcos' help, but noted that she once stopped a move to give her the prime minister's job.

Virata, 52, was appointed prime minister in June 1981.

Elizabeth spends a day aboard *Britannia*

PUERTO VALLARTA, Mexico, Feb. 21 (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II, greeted at this Pacific coast resort by cheering crowds, British schoolchildren and Mexican orphans, spent Monday at sea aboard the royal yacht *Britannia*.

The 57-year-old British monarch received the keys to the city Sunday and attended a traditional Mexican fiesta prepared by the townspeople in her honor at the main plaza.

President Miguel de la Madrid, who played host to the royal couple Thursday on their arrival to Acapulco to begin their eight-day visit to Mexico, gave a lunch Sunday at a

private villa overlooking a secluded beach. On Tuesday, the *Britannia* will dock at La Paz, the state capital of Baja California Sur. From there, the yacht will cruise for three days up the coast before reaching U.S. waters.

As the queen was meeting the people of Puerto Vallarta, British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym and Mexican Foreign Minister Bernardo Sepulveda were concluding three days of talks aboard the *Britannia* as it sailed up the coast from Acapulco.

Speaking about his talks with Pym, Sepulveda said the two countries agreed

more cooperation was needed among oil exporters to prevent a price war. Neither Britain nor Mexico is a member of Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), which has failed to agree on measures to stabilize the world oil market.

Regarding the Falklands, Sepulveda said Mexico supports Argentina's claim to the islands but opposes any use of force by the South American nation to retake the archipelago. Britain defeated Argentina last summer in a brief war over the control of the Falklands, a British colony.

London hunt yields bones

LONDON, Feb. 21 (AP) — Police ripped up the floors of a north London home believed to be the burial ground of 13 or 14 murder victims and emerged with a dozen plastic bags containing bones and clothing.

The gruesome hunt, conducted Sunday by 10 officers wearing masks to keep out the dust, switched to the inside of 195 Melrose Ave., Cricklewood, after a nine-day inch-by-inch search of the two-story building's 720-square-foot backyard.

Police said the killer, who is believed to have chopped up and boiled his victims after picking them up in bars, may have murdered as many as 17 drifters. If so, he would be the most prolific proven mass killer in British history.

Police have provided only sketchy information about their search, citing laws limiting pretrial discussion of criminal cases. A 37-year-old civil servant has been charged with the murder of the only victim so far identified, a 20-year-old drifter from Scotland.

Dennis Nilson, who once lived at 195 Melrose Avenue, was arrested Feb. 10 after police found the remains of three packed-up bodies clogging drains at another north London house in Muswell Hill where Nilson also lived.

Sikhs to intensify agitation

NEW DELHI, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — Talks between leaders of a Sikh protest movement in Punjab state and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's central government collapsed Sunday and the Sikh militants announced that they would intensify their agitation.

The Akali Dal (Party) has been pressing the government to accept a list of 43 demands, including greater political autonomy for Punjab, merger of adjacent Chandigarh territory with the state and a greater share for Punjab of the waters of the rivers Ravi and Beas.

An Akali Dal spokesman announced that all the 36 party legislators in Punjab and the four members of the national parliament would resign to protest government failure to accept their demands.

The other demands of the militant party include designation of Amritsar as a Sikh holy city with status similar to that of the Vatican, end to alleged government discrimination against the 13 million member Sikh community and official permission to broadcast prayers from Amritsar's historic Golden Temple, the holiest of Sikh shrines.

The talks with the Sikhs were attended by leaders of major Indian opposition parties and the chief ministers of Rajasthan and Haryana states. Punjab has territorial and river water disputes with the two states.

Officials said the talks collapsed because of the refusal of the militants to reach a compromise settlement on two key issues —

Chandigarh and sharing of the river waters. Chandigarh currently is the joint capital of Haryana and Punjab states and is administered by the federal government.

In another development, a self-proclaimed liberation army claiming to enjoy backing in all seven northeastern Indian states has relaunched its activities after two years of dormancy, federal intelligence officials in the Assamese capital of Gauhati reported.

Police last week arrested three members of the "Seven United Liberation Army" (SULA) organization in Imphal, capital of tiny Manipur state bordering Burma, but news of their arrest was eclipsed by the current violence in Assam.

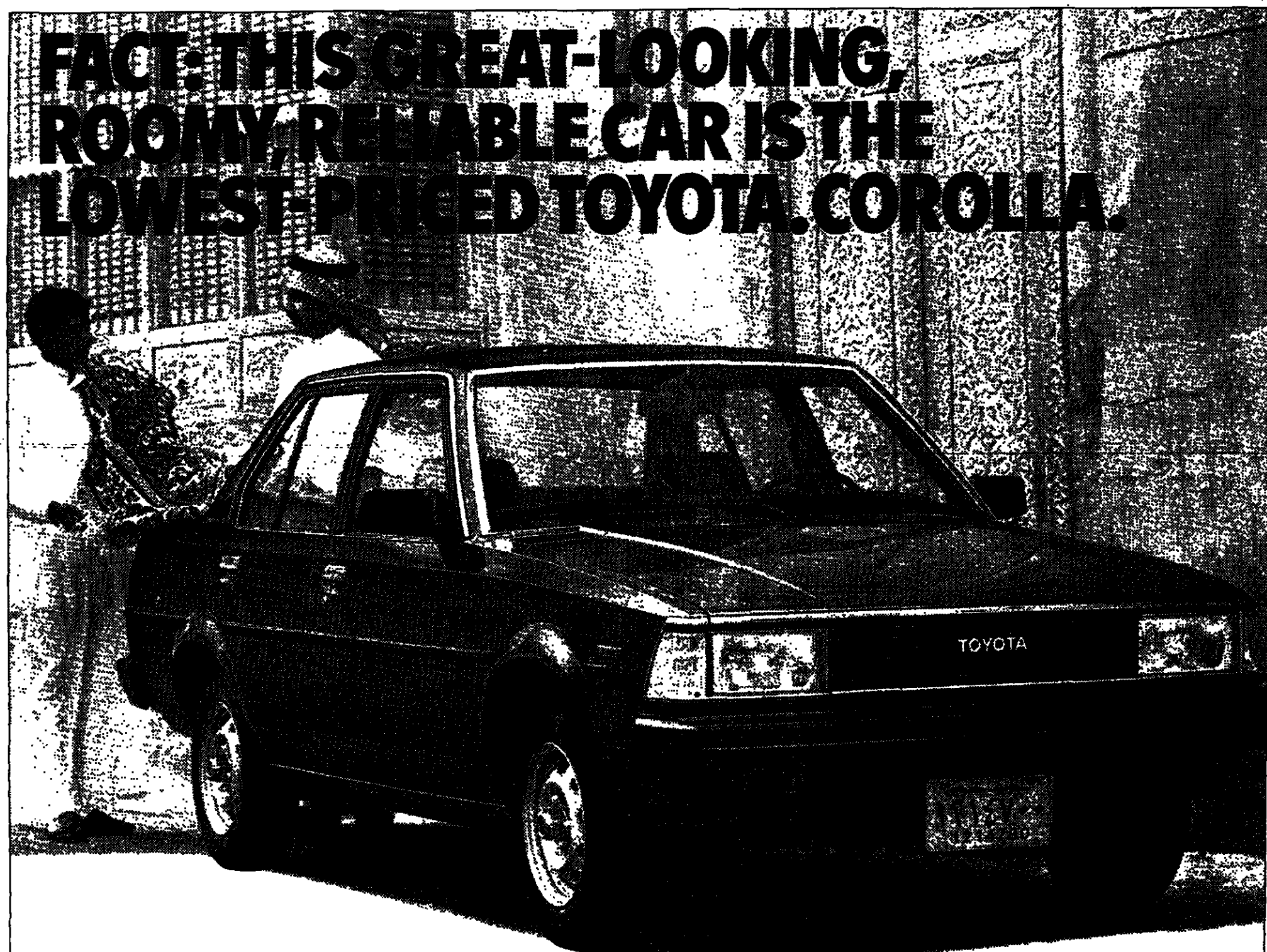
Several hours of interrogation revealed that the organization was regrouping, taking advantage of the situation in Assam and its possible fallout in other northeastern states, said the officials, who asked not to be named.

SULA was formed in March 1980, to "liberate the entire northeast from Indian colonialism."

SA-5 base alleged

BONN, Feb. 21 (AFP) — The Soviet Union has begun the construction of an SA-5 anti-aircraft missile base in Rostock, East Germany, a reliable Western military source said here Monday. The source, who asked to remain anonymous, said it was the third SA-5 base the Soviet Union had built outside its own territory. The two others were located in Syria, near the towns of Douma and Homs.

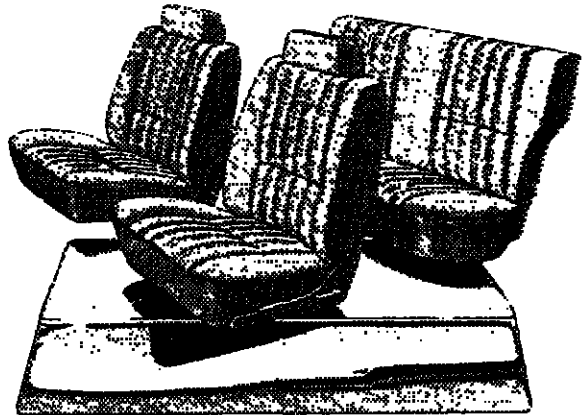
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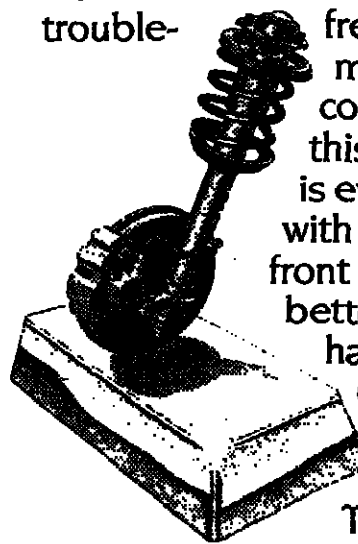
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Study by specialist shows

Alert parents can save rheumatic children

By Carol Katsake Schappagh

RIVADH — Rheumatic heart disease is one of the few potentially fatal, acquired diseases that can be prevented, according to Dr. Muhammad Mardini, pediatric cardiologist at the King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center in Riyadh. This serious condition usually follows a sometimes mild sore throat and vague joint pain. Unhappily, children are almost always the victims.

Because children regularly suffer colds, ear infections and sore throats, parents may tend to ignore them as minor problems and do not bother to seek medical help. This can be a dangerous practice as complications from seemingly inconsequential infections can be life-threatening. Such is the case with rheumatic fever, a condition resulting from a streptococcal infection.

Children between the ages of five and 15 years are most often affected. The child will suffer a sore throat and fever for several days, then recover and feel well for one or two weeks. Suddenly, he develops rheumatic fever. The bacteria which seem to be involved are called Group A streptococci and are only responsible for the sore throat. Researchers do not think that these bacteria cause the rheumatic fever but that while they multiply in the nose and mouth, their by-products are absorbed into the body. Some people seem to develop allergic reactions to the by-products, which produce the rheumatic symptoms. The

symptoms include painfully inflamed and swollen joints. One or more joints may be involved, most often the knees and elbows. As one joint begins to improve, another may become hot and swollen. Finally, the pain and inflammation will disappear.

Another manifestation of rheumatic fever may be a temporary loss of muscle control called St. Vitus' dance. The severity may range from minor clumsiness to loss of limb or facial muscle control. This, also, goes away with time.

While these uncomfortable and distressing symptoms disappear, problems still remain. Inflammation from rheumatic fever also tends to invade the heart affecting its valves. Heart valves operate like tiny doors opening to allow blood to go forward but closing to prevent its backward flow. The valve can become distorted because of the swelling caused by the rheumatic fever, and scar tissue forms after the inflammation has gone away. This scar tissue then interferes with the valve's normal function. The valve may either become tight (stenotic) causing reduced flow, or it leaks (insufficiency) allowing blood to seep backward. The damaged and malfunctioning valve forces the heart to overwork making it more susceptible to infection.

The first attack of rheumatic fever often results in only minor heart damage. The outlook for children with minor damage or those suffering no heart damage is good, provided they avoid further attacks. The more often

rheumatic fever strikes, the more heart damage it is likely to do.

As part of his study reported in the *King Faisal Specialist Hospital Medical Journal*, Dr. Mardini reviewed the cardiac catheterization results of 296 patients with heart disease. Cardiac catheterization is a sophisticated procedure allowing the physician to photograph the beating heart and study its problems. Of the patients with heart disease, 78 percent suffered from rheumatic valve disease and 30 percent of those were children under the age of 16 years. Disease in adult patients probably resulted from untreated strep infections and subsequent rheumatic fever in childhood. Slightly less than one-half of the children reported having sore throats before the attacks of rheumatic fever. They had between two and six attacks each before being admitted to the hospital for testing.

"Generally, these patients do not seek medical help until heart disease becomes incapacitating," Dr. Mardini said. When they finally do go for medical help, they are bothered by a variety of symptoms including joint pain and swelling, fever, chest pain with breathing difficulty and congestive heart failure. Most of the children seen at the King Faisal Specialist Hospital with rheumatic heart disease were chronically ill with significant heart damage. They sometimes had liver disease and were often small for their ages.

What hope is there for these patients and

their families? For those patients with badly damaged hearts, surgery is the only answer. Dr. Mardini reported that most of the children did indeed undergo open-surgery for replacement of the damaged valves. Some had more than one valve replaced or a combination of replacement and repair. Having to operate on the damaged heart of an 8-year-old child is not unusual.

These tragic results can be prevented from continuing, rheumatic fever can be held in check by vigilant mothers who are aware of the potential problem. First and foremost, if a child has already suffered one attack of rheumatic fever, or if his mother even suspects he has, he must not be allowed to develop another. Proper and early diagnosis is essential and the child should be taken for medical care at the first symptom. Sometimes symptoms are slight, but the family can usually tell when a child is not feeling well.

If the doctor suspects a strep infection that could lead to rheumatic fever, he will ask the mother if her child is complaining of a sore throat. Did it develop suddenly? Does it hurt most when he swallows? Are the neck glands swollen? Is there fever? How much? Is there headache? Is he nauseated? Vomiting? Has he come into contact with anyone having a sore throat? Answers to these questions plus examination of the child will help the doctor decide the course of treatment. He will take a smear from the patient's throat to be sent to the laboratory for culturing. The material obtained from the throat is allowed to grow so it can be determined, quickly, what bacteria are present. The physician may decide to begin treatment even before laboratory results are available, because of the ultimate danger of rheumatic fever.

Treatment for a strep infection is oral penicillin or other antibiotic given to the patient for 10 days. If the patient already has rheumatic fever and has had it before, different steps must be taken. Again, the doctor's most important job is to prevent further attacks and so he might very well start the patient on a long-term regimen of penicillin, or appropriate antibiotic, prophylaxis. This means that the patient will take antibiotic pills or injections regularly for a period of time which may extend to years or even life. Bed rest is another part of the treatment and may be recommended for up to two weeks.

Every parent wants to prevent suffering for his children in any way possible. By being alert for signs of strep infection, such as sore throat, parents can seek medical attention at the early stages of the disease and prevent serious heart damage. It is most important to follow the doctor's instructions completely and carefully even if it means long-term medication. In case of any doubt whether your child is suffering from a strep infection or rheumatic fever, it is better to seek medical advice. Never dismiss it as just another childhood illness.



VOLUNTEERS: Research volunteers of the U.S. take measurements in their study of the Inca Indians' astronomical system in Peru.

Scientific expeditions

By Kim McDonald

CALIFORNIA — Each year, researchers at the University of California in Berkeley, prepare groups of students, secondary school teachers, executives, and other members of the local community for what many consider the most unusual and exciting experiences of their lives — volunteer scientific expeditions.

In 1982, 35 expedition teams traveled to different regions of the world to conduct field research on such subjects as the temperate forest plants of Southern Chile, the reproduction of gray whales off the Baja California (Mexico) coast, the rock art of Easter Island and the tropical flowering plants of Tanzania.

It's all part of the University's research expeditions program, started in 1976 by Jean G. Colvin, who believes that much of the field research conducted by the university could be performed by people from outside who would pay for the chance to participate and also aid the scientists with their labor.

"One of the most important parts of the program is that it breaks down the traditional barriers between the university and community," says Colvin, who directs the popular program, which now offers seven times the number of expeditions it did six years ago. "The public is unsure about how research is conducted at the university. It tends to be a mystery to them."

The program also offers a way for

secondary-school teachers to learn more about current scientific research and to develop working relationships with university faculty members — benefits that help promote the idea of science careers among secondary-school students, says Theodore L. Reid of the U.S. National Science Foundation.

For the past three years, the U.S. government has provided \$45,000 a year to pay part of the costs of secondary-school teachers who make up 25 to 30 percent of the participants in the expeditions. Colvin says she is also trying to establish scholarship for college students, who account for about 20 percent of the participants.

One of the University of California's more memorable expeditions, says Colvin, involved a hunt for leeches five years ago in French Guiana. Participants collected 46-centimeter-long leeches called *Hemeteria*, to study their behavior and nervous systems.

Another took the research volunteers to Costa Rica, Ecuador and Kenya to study the pollination biology for tropical plants.

Grady L. Webster, a professor of botany at the University of California says Colvin's program "could serve as a model for other universities wanting to pick up" a similar one. "It's been the most successful experiment I've ever been connected with," he adds.

(Courtesy: The Chronicle of Higher Education)

ONLY CHILDREN — NOT SPOILED BRATS



Dr. Peter J. Steincrohn M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: My wife and I are each 23. We come from large families. But we have made a pact that we would have only one child. Some of our friends say we are being selfish. But we honestly believe that this resolution will be better all around — a happier child and happier parents. Right? — Mrs. B.

Dear Mrs. B.: According to Zero Population Growth, an organization which advocates U.S. and world population stabilization, you are "right." Here are some interesting facts as stated in *The One-Child Family* by Judith Kunofsky and Judith Senderowitz, both members of ZPG's Board of Directors:

* "Stop wasting your pity on only children; they don't need it. Recent studies of only children — those with no brothers or sisters — reveal that they are definitely not the selfish, lonely, maladjusted 'spoiled brats' of the popular stereotype. On the contrary, only children are healthy, intelligent, likeable individuals."

* Many couples are choosing to have only one child. This family size has many psychological, social, health and economic advantages.

* The rapid growth of world population from 2.5 billion to four billion in the last 25 years has awakened people to the need to limit population growth.

* Current social and economic trends favor small families and are contributing toward the increasing acceptance of the one-child family.

Such are some of the pros, Mrs. B. Of course, there is a difference

of opinion. Members of large families will offer many contrary opinion.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I have been very sensitive to caffeine in coffee or tea. So much so, that a cup or two of coffee taken at lunch (not at bedtime) would keep me up most of the night. Since I gave it up on the advice of my doctor, I've been sleeping fine. But lately, I have insomnia again. I wonder if it's due to my taking a 12-ounce cola drink with dinner and another (occasionally) while watching TV? Could that be the reason? — Mrs. M.

Dear Mrs. M.: I've known several caffeine-sensitive people who had insomnia after taking a cola drink at night. You have been taking at least the equivalent amount of caffeine in your soft drink. Why not quit? If you sleep better, you will have your answer.

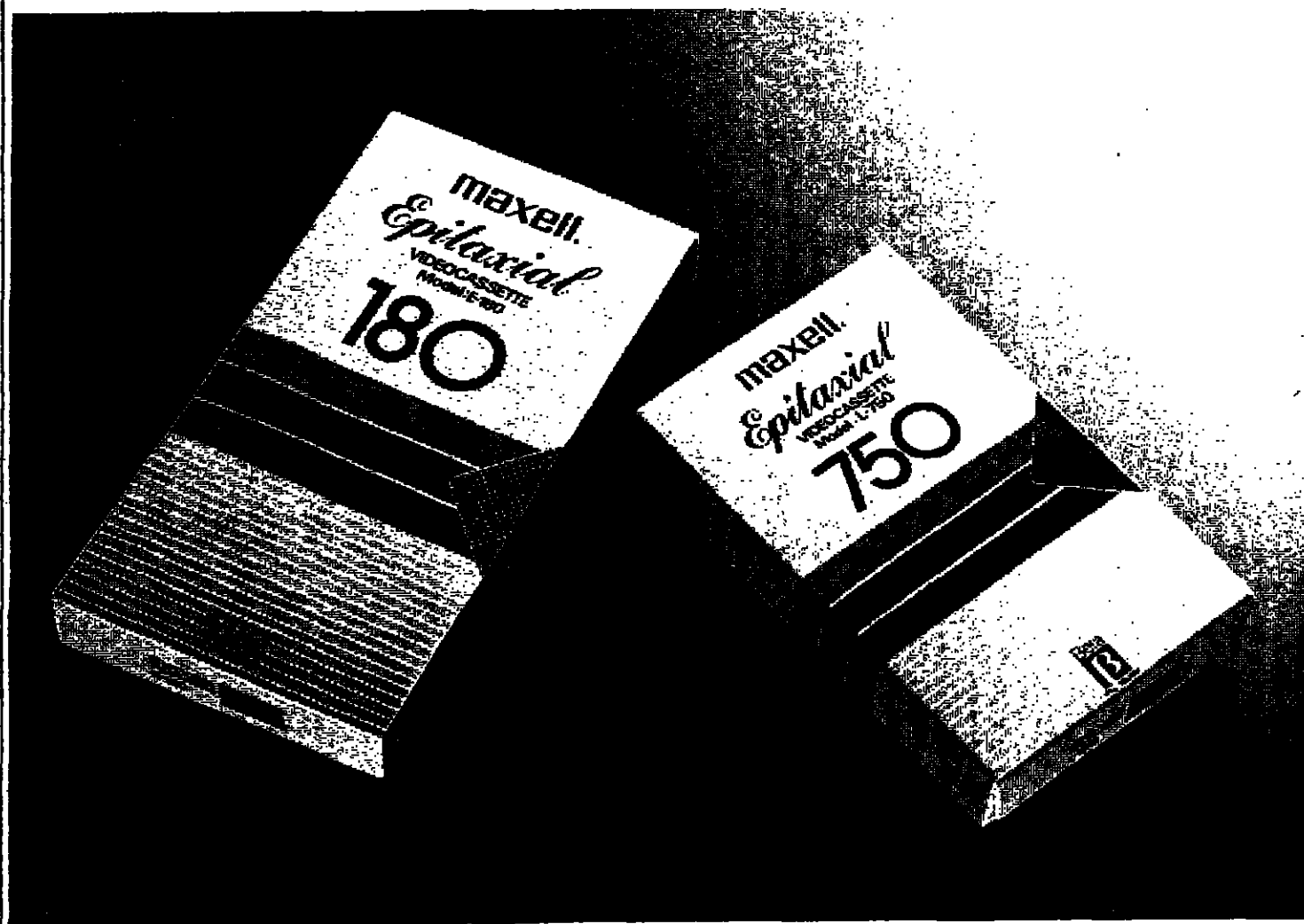
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ASSAM HORRORS

Communal riots in India have gone deep as speaking facts on historical records.

The events of yesterday were darker and amount to horror equal to that of other carnages in history. Native Assamese with strong support of tribesmen fully armed with bows, arrows, spears and various types of weapons attacked 15 villages, massacred the inhabitants, destroyed their homes and looted their belongings. The horror took place in a well-planned manner while 50 battalions of the Indian army were there to supervise the elections for the state assembly and 12 parliamentary seats. The foreign press has reported the loss of lives of hundreds of people while other estimates put the figure at 2,000 bodies littered all over, many decapitated. Many of the victims were women and children.

The majority of those killed were poor Muslims who have inhabited the state in the past two decades. The natives contend that these poor people have taken over their jobs and deprived them of their source of livelihood. Without going into the bona fides and legitimacy of their contention, one is apt to question the secular ideals of India.

Communal riots have now assumed frightening regularity. The way things are, and judging by various reports in certain quarters of the Indian press, it is hard to believe that the secular state of India will ever succeed in prescribing some effective remedy for this disease.

Let India call itself a secular state, but let others know that every now and then horror shows are repeated and live and real terror exhibited in democratic India.

The root cause of communalism and other social evils in India is its economic backwardness. India is a poor country whose hungry millions do not ask for the impossible — just a roof over their heads and one square meal a day. Yet they are being deprived of the basic necessities of life because billions are being spent on the arms build-up. Nuclear bombs are being made to protect India against imaginary enemies. All this quantum of funds so badly needed is diverted from economic development, thus aggravating the woes and misery of the Indian masses.

The communal riots and the tragedies that follow will never be wiped out, let alone curtailed, if India does not re-structure its priorities and attempt to eradicate the causes of hunger, poverty and disease so dominant all over the country.

Saudi Arabian press review

The oil price issue and the crisis in the OPEC and the achievements of the meeting of the Gulf Cooperation Council foreign ministers held in Riyadh figured in the editorial columns of Saudi Arabian newspapers Monday.

Al-Yom urged OPEC member states to make quick moves to solve the crucial crisis to preserve its unity and strength as a strategic power of vital weight in the international arena. It blamed some "OPEC's members for not abiding by the organization's unanimous resolutions and thereby undermining its stability and strength."

Al-Nadwa said the Gulf Cooperation Council foreign ministers concentrated their talks on the regrettable oil developments.

Al-Riyadh praised the leading role undertaken by the GCC member states to resolve Arab and international issues. "Out of its big responsibilities and commitments at Arab, Islamic and international levels, the Gulf region is playing a vital role to protect the interest of Arab and Islamic nations and ensure the welfare of peoples of the whole world," the paper said.

Al-Bilad said "the Arab and Muslim nation is attaching great hope to the GCC objectives which constitute a firm basis to realize its aspirations."

Okaz said the meeting was of great importance since it was taking place amidst serious developments which had their crucial impact on the political, economic and military situation at Arab, Gulf and international levels.

The **Ad-Dawa** magazine called for creating an Islamic world organization that can "ensure the minimum extent of Islamic solidarity." It said "there is a favorable atmosphere in the Arab and Islamic world to set up such a body to safeguard Arab and Muslim interests and face existing malicious designs and challenges."

The magazine added that the proposed body should make use of the positive and negative aspects of similar organizations, such as the U.N. and benefit from existing Arab and Islamic bodies, such as the Arab League and the Organization of Islamic Conference. (SPA)



Andropov consolidates position using police methods

By Dusko Doder

MOSCOW —

A few weeks ago, at a gathering of Soviet cultural workers here, a theater director received a huge ovation for wishing everyone in the hall a happy new year — "the full-of-promises year of 1983."

The roar of approval from that audience of intellectuals reflected a feeling of expectation and hope that has been palpable in the Moscow air since the change of leadership in the Kremlin last November. In his first 100 days in office Yuri Andropov, the new leader of the Soviet Communist Party, has moved swiftly to push this lumbering behemoth of a country in a new direction. His surprisingly bold leadership has fueled widespread expectations of new departures still to come.

The new mood is an abrupt change from the immobility and public apathy of Leonid I. Brezhnev's last months. To keep the new mood alive, Andropov must make good on at least some of the hopes he has helped to stir, and there is no guarantee that he can do so. But he has already broken the mold of previous transitions to new leadership, taking command more forcefully and more quickly than any of his predecessors, from Stalin (the first successor, after Lenin's death) to Brezhnev.

If there is one theme that has emerged during his first 100 days with clarity, it was Andropov's insistence on social and economic discipline. Lacking economic tools, he resorted to police methods not seen since the days of Stalin. Andropov sent countless deputized vigilantes and police to carry out daytime raids throughout the country to fight worker absenteeism. The raids lasted for three weeks and were presumably designed to shock the nation out of its lethargy. Recent government statistics show that in January industrial output and labor productivity both experienced dramatic increases.

At the same time, Andropov has conducted an extensive purge of the governmental and party bureaucracies. Perhaps, the most significant single

act was the abolition of the secretariat of the party general secretary. Moscow's equivalent of the White House staff. Under Krushchev and particularly under Brezhnev, the secretariat had not only grown in size but also in authority to become the effective power center in the country. Its various counselors and assistants could override their counterparts in the government and the party by virtue of the leader's authority.

The purge of the government thus far involves scores of ministers and department heads. Perhaps, the most significant appointments include the naming of Gaidar Aliev, a veteran KGB operative whom Andropov appointed to full Politburo membership, as the first deputy prime minister, and of Vitaly Fedorchuk, another KGB veteran, as interior minister to replace Gen. V. Shchegolev.

The prominence of KGB men in top positions produced an instant joke in Moscow playing on the acronym for the voluntary society in support of the army, air force and the fleet, *Dosaf*. It is now jokingly referred to as the society for the support of Andropov, Aliev and Fedorchuk. It is clear that Andropov is putting into key government positions tough and efficient men, and that in this way he hopes to make the governmental mechanism responsive to his demands.

Among those who were ousted are Transportation Minister Ivan Pavlovski, 60, Minister of Agricultural Construction S. H. Khitrov, 72, Trade Minister A. I. Struyev, 77, Deputy Premier V. N. Makeyev, 52, Chief of the Young Communist League Boris Pastukhov, Head of the Central Committee Propaganda Department Evgeny Tyazhelnikov, 52, who was in effect the country's propaganda minister, Sports Chief Sergei Pavlov, editor in chief of the government newspaper *Izvestia* N. A. Alexeyev, and many lesser officials.

In virtually all instances, Andropov sought to ease these retirements by giving them an honorable

appearance, or by shifting people to responsible if lesser positions. For the first time since Lenin, the Soviet media is now publishing accounts of weekly Politburo sessions. For the first time since Krushchev, a Soviet leader has gone unannounced to a factory to speak directly to workers about their problems.

In a country with a vertical structure of authority, the leader's style has a rippling effect. People are now coming to work on time because the leader does so. Soviet journalists, for example, tell a story about the editor in chief of the main Soviet weekly paper who used to conduct his business by phone. Nowadays, the editor is working each day at his office.

None of Andropov's actions thus far is revolutionary. In Western terms, the changes he has made are modest. But Andropov is a Soviet, not a Western, leader, and measured against Soviet experience, his performance in these first 100 days has been extraordinary. It took Stalin, Krushchev and Brezhnev years to establish a position as strong as the one Andropov seems to have won for himself in three months.

Despite his long career in the security police, the popular perception of Andropov is a curious one. He is respected rather than feared. His anti-corruption drive is popular, and so is his insistence on law and order. There is a feeling among Soviets that he is attempting to make the government and party at least appear more accountable to the people. His speeches, which are short and to the point, are appreciated. So is the fact that he is not making exaggerated promises.

The leader's personal habits also seem to have left an imprint at least on this capital. Andropov can be seen going to work each day at 8:40 a.m., and he can be seen going home no earlier than 6 p.m., and often after 7. An ascetic man, he is said to drive himself and his immediate subordinates hard and

has made known his distaste for wasting time. Solid work, rather than patriotic exhortation and speeches, is the way to solve economic problems, he said in a speech. The only time he spoke directly to the workers was during their break. It seems noteworthy that all recent party conferences and consultations have taken place on Saturdays and Sundays — not during working hours as in the past.

It is said here that the change in style will eventually bring about a change in the substance of Soviet policies. So far, there are only hints to that effect.

At the same time, the new leadership appears inclined to act more decisively even than Brezhnev did to stamp out any form of organized dissent. It has sharply reduced the emigration from the Soviet Union of Jews, ethnic Germans and Armenians, so that only a handful are now getting permission to leave.

Intellectuals are hoping for some liberalization in the realm of culture, but it is too soon to say whether those hopes are justified. The signals are mixed. While the authorities have recently shut down some controversial theatrical performances, they have shown signs of unusual tolerance toward former politicians who have become non-persons, including Krushchev.

One has the impression, however, that such matters are of marginal importance to the new leadership. Under Andropov, the inner circle of leaders consists of Defense Minister Dmitri Ustinov, Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, Aliev and Vladimir Shcherbitsky, the Ukrainian party chief.

These aren't the sorts of men who seem likely to spend much time worrying about what plays can be staged in Moscow's theaters. They seem preoccupied with the American challenge, and the overriding need to get the Soviet Union moving again. They are serious men with serious purposes. It will take more than 100 days to gauge their real progress. (WP)

Factionalism disintegrates Burma's Karen rebels

By Mia Tha

RANGOON —

The Karen rebels' 30 years of insurgency has kept the Burmese military on perpetual alert, but with the continuing disintegration of the rebel forces, peace may finally settle on this poverty-stricken nation. Back in the late forties and early fifties, Karen rebels were pounding on the doors of Rangoon in a major push to topple the government of Gen. Ne Win.

Before the military could successfully respond to the insurgency problem, Karen rebels had already taken control of vast areas of the countryside and were marching toward Rangoon. The attacks on Rangoon were supposed to be the final foray into the country's political and administrative heartland that would have spelled the downfall of the Ne Win government, and the political and military ascendancy of the Karen rebels. But events did not quite develop that way.

Government forces drove the rebels back to the countryside in a series of punitive actions, and by the late 1950s, the Karen rebellion was pronounced under control.

The Karen insurrection broke out in 1949, spearheaded by the Karen National Defense Organization (KNDO). The rebels enjoyed the patronage of China, which supplied the underground forces with weapons and other logistical support.

Officially, China denied any involvement in the Karen rebellion, but it was common knowledge that the insurgents were amply supported by the Chinese Communist apparatus.

Burma's efforts to root out the rebels had been rendered doubly difficult by the ambivalent attitude of Thailand toward the Communist underground forces. Rangoon has repeatedly accused Thailand of harboring the rebels who are using Thai border territories with Burma as their sanctuaries. Even now, Karen attacks on Burmese villages are often launched from Thai territories.

But the rebels themselves might have brought the decline of their political fortunes upon themselves. Factional fighting has split the organization into several camps, each dedicated to the overthrow of the Ne Win government, but badly divided on the issue of how to achieve their common goal.

The successful government anti-dissident campaign had brought about deep cleavages in the leadership of the insurgents, but it was only in 1963 that the government had a first-hand view of how badly split the underground was. That year, the government offered to negotiate with the rebels to look into their grievances in an effort to reach a comprehensive peace settlement of the political problem. The rebels came out of their jungle hide-outs, but instead of negotiating with only one organization the government found itself talking to several splinter groups, each with its own preconditions

and demands.

The talks broke down in disarray, and both the left wing and the right wing factions of the underground forces returned to their jungle lairs to resume their anti-government activities. The Karen revolutionary council decided to buck the left-right wingers, and signed a peace agreement with the government March 12, 1964. The peace agreement brought no peace, only an escalation of hostilities.

The left wing group split further into several camps, and the rebel Communist Party, which organized the National Democratic United Front (NDUF) of which the Karen group was affiliated, was expelled.

Other splinter groups joined the right wing group, which by then had already established a notoriety for engaging in smuggling and black marketing. The right wing group also acted as guides to smugglers and black marketers passing through the Burmese jungles into Thailand. This group established its own "invisible" customs offices in the jungles and exacted heavy "taxes" on smuggled goods.

But rebels' atrocities alienated themselves even more from the people than their smuggling and other criminal activities. Innocent civilians were known to have been killed by the rebels. Several government personnel, both military and non-military, were killed in ambushes and attacks on passenger trains. Only last July, Karen rebels arrested a Buddhist monk, disrobed and beat him. The rebels also force villagers and monks to abandon their homes and monasteries. Monasteries have become major targets of rebel attacks.

Villagers in remote areas are forced to raise funds for the rebels, recruit new rebel members and provide the underground with food supplies.

Karen rebel leaders are known to maintain mistresses in every village. These atrocities have been exploited to the hilt by the government in its propaganda campaign against the insurgents.

And the government line, supported by actual acts of abuses by the rebels, seems to be winning the day for the Ne Win regime.

The result is a continuing erosion of people's sympathy for the underground cause.

In many instances, villagers have openly assisted government forces in the campaign against the rebels. Despite the apparent breakdown of the underground apparatus, the government keeps up an unrelenting propaganda war against the insurgents to firm up people's support of the regime.

Only recently, a government publication warned that the rebels planned to send saboteurs to sow terror in the major cities and towns through a series of bombings. The targets of the rebels' attacks were said to include communication lines, power and

transportation facilities.

The proposed attacks would probably not materialize. The rebellion has been reduced practically to a national nuisance, but the government continues to harp on it as the biggest threat to national security. It might well be. But at this stage, the rebellion has run out of steam, although it serves a purpose for the government as a rallying point to national unity. (Depthnews)

Letters to the editor

Insurance payments

Sir,

I am one of the 900 Filipino contract workers employed by International Commercial Center since 1980. Every month, our company deducts five percent from our basic salary as premium for social insurance and 30 percent as remittance to our families in the Philippines. But since April 1982 till today, the 30 percent cuts have not been sent to our families.

May we draw the attention of the ministers for labor and social insurance to the matter? We feel that the five percent deducted from our salaries as insurance premium is also not being remitted to the GOSI. Only a few of us have been given membership cards of the GOSI.

When one of our co-workers died and another was seriously injured in an accident while performing their duties at KAIA, the GOSI did not give any benefit. We request the GOSI authorities to investigate whether we, as workers of ICC, are bona fide members of the GOSI. We are very much willing to

be interviewed by the GOSI officials at the camp. Our address is ICC Camp 1, P.O. Box 5698, Makarona Street, Jeddah.

Eliseo Vilarente

Taxi fares

Sir,

The government has ordered certain regulations to be followed by taxi drivers, especially in cities like Jeddah. However, taxi drivers still refuse to abide by the regulations and the meter system is not followed. Perhaps, they feel that the minimum fare of SR5 is too low. I suggest that the minimum fare be raised to SR10 so that the drivers are forced to use the meter system. This modification will help both the taxi drivers as well as the taxi users as the latter have been paying SR10 as minimum fare since 1977.

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Today is Tuesday, Feb. 22, the 53rd day of 1983. There are 312 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1495 — French forces under Charles VIII enter Naples in Italy.

1724 — Treaty of Stockholm between Sweden and Russia for mutual assistance.

1759 — French abandon siege of Madras, India, on arrival of British fleet.

1819 — Spain cedes Florida to United States.

1848 — Revolt erupts in Paris because of failure of Louis Philippe's reign.

1849 — Benjamin Disraeli becomes leader of British Conservative Party.

1911 — Canadian parliament resolves to preserve union within British Empire.

1916 — Russia's Czar Nicholas II opens Duma parliament in person.

1961 — Soviet Premier Nikita Krushchev recommends commission of African states to supervise restoration of an independent Congo.

1973 — After almost two decades of isolation from each other, the United States and China agree to establish liaison offices in each others' capitals.

1974 — Pakistan recognizes independence of its former eastern province, Bangladesh.

1978 — Egypt breaks diplomatic relations with Cyprus in protest over airport clash on Cyprus in which 15 Egyptian commandos were killed by Cypriot forces while trying to rescue airforce hostages.

1980 — Hundreds are reported killed in clashes between Soviet troops and anti-Soviet protesters in Afghan capital of Kabul.

1982 — U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop broadens list of cancers linked to cigarette smoking.

Thought for today

I believe women are designed in their deeper instincts to get more pleasure out of life when they are not aggressive — Dr. Benjamin Spock, U.S. pediatrician-writer.

Democrats the main beneficiaries

Hollywood fat cats roaming political arena

By Dale Pollock and
Peter J. Boyer

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — The ancient attraction between show business and politics is bound up in the dynamics of power and fame.

"When George Washington was campaigning," said Herb Alexander, political science professor at the University of Southern California, "he always had his fiddler with him."

And when Sen. Gary W. Hart, Democrat, Colorado kicked off his West Coast presidential drive last November with a huge benefit dinner in a sound stage on 20th Century-Fox's west Los Angeles lot, he was introduced to the crowd by actor and friend Warren Beatty. Hart has another big dinner planned for New York this spring. He will be introduced there by actor Robert Redford.

"Candidates always like Hollywood because there are the same instincts and drives here that motivate people in Washington," said Sherry Lansing, former head of production at Fox and now an independent producer.

Those common instincts?

"We're all part of the same public business," said Jeff Wald, a personal manager and one of the new Hollywood fat cats. "We have the same visibility factor. We're in the spotlight. So there's an affinity there, a shared experience of sorts. I guess the politicians are impressed by the money (in Hollywood) and the show business people are impressed by the power (in Washington)."

Morgan Mason, son of actor James Mason and recently a special assistant for political affairs to President Reagan, has seen firsthand the special allure that political stars and Hollywood stars hold for each other. "They are the only stars for each other," Mason said. To make sure they stay that way, Mason is setting up a new Washington liaison office for Hollywood PR-firm Rogers Cowan.

Some stars communicate politically by trading on their celebrity, bringing attention through endorsements for pet candidates or issues.

On election eve last November, there was a special screening in Los Angeles of the 1962 movie, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. In an Oscar-winning performance, Gregory Peck portrayed Atticus Finch, the steely, principled lawyer in a small southern town who defends a black man wrongly accused of assaulting a white girl. In one of the film's most compelling scenes, Peck-Finch eloquently sums up the defense by imploring the all-white jury to forsake the passions of prejudice and vote the right way.

The screen then cut to a commercial. The screen filled with the countenance of Peck again, this time imploring Californians to do the right thing and vote for Tom Bradley.



Frank Sinatra

Peck, with an assist from Atticus Finch, thus made a memorable pitch for his candidate. (Peck also donated \$1,000 to Bradley's gubernatorial campaign).

Using fame as a platform for personal politics sometimes backfires, as Ed Asner discovered last year. TV's "Lou Grant" and president of the Screen Actors Guild, Asner publicly denounced U.S. policy in El Salvador and took heavy heat for it. CBS canceled "Lou Grant," pointing to his marginal ratings. Asner still insists that the network's act was punishment for his speaking out.

And Heston caught flack for his highly visible opposition to California's Proposition 13, the anti-nuclear initiative — an issue so identified with show-business personalities that it sometimes seemed wholly owned by Hollywood. Heston's campaign on the issue culminated in a nationally televised debate with fellow actor Paul Newman. It was an event that may have been a symbolic high moment for the actor-as-statesman



HITTING THE DUST: At an acting school in California, the would-be actors are being taught how to "hit the dust" with deadly realism. The school supplies the Hollywood studios with a variety of heroes and villains.

phenomenon, but which was widely criticized as a shallow and awkward treatment of a serious issue.

In the end, celebrity endorsements may not mean that much, in the view of many political experts. George Young, chairman of the No On 15 campaign hired Heston to narrate a film opposing the gun control initiative. But he thinks that celebrity endorsements only really make a difference on issues that do not mean much to voters.

Still the industry has acquired a growing influence on the political process — and is finally beginning to exploit it. Thanks principally to a loophole in campaign reform laws that came out of the Watergate scandals, Hollywood is now in a position to become a dominant force in the political money game.

A 1974 amendment to the Federal Election Campaign Act sought to do away with "fat-cat" campaign contributors. It limited an individual's donation to \$1,000 per candidate in each federal race (plus an additional \$1,000 for the primary race). But with the cost of getting elected continuing to soar, candidates have been forced to find more money. What many have discovered is a treasure chest: the entertainment fund-raising event.

Where, say, a fat-cat industrialist could only give \$1,000 to his favorite candidate, the law lets a performer turn over all proceeds from a show. Only a part of that money, in the case of presidential elections, was matched by the government. But just this month that changed. The Federal Elections Commission ruled that funds raised at concerts would be fully matchable.

When Sen. Alan Cranston, Democrat, California recently took an important step in his presidential race in winning a straw poll taken by the California Democratic convention in Sacramento, he plotted the course of his campaign that night with his California campaign director and with rock "n" roll balladeer Kenny Loggins.

Loggins holds a special place in the Cranston circle. He performed at Cranston's victory party that Saturday night, an act of support that, among other things, demonstrated to young Democrats that the bald, 68-year-old Cranston can relate to the youth culture. More important, Loggins agreed to play two Cranston benefit concerts. The concerts could raise \$200,000 or more, a windfall for a money-ravenous presidential campaign. As Cranston's California campaign director Conway Collis put it, "you just can't get those big gulps of money any other way."

For example, a concert put on by the Eagles in Cranston's last senatorial campaign netted about \$180,000. If that concert could be duplicated in the coming presidential campaign, Cranston would get not only the net figure, \$180,000, but the government would match the gross receipts, about \$250,000.

The entertainment business may emerge as the single most important source of funds for the Democratic Party in the 1980s. And Republicans, who have relied less on show

business dollars, are beginning to look for seats on the gravy train. Former California Lt. Gov. Mike Curb, once a record producer and now finance chairman of the Republican national committee, recently set up a committee to search out money from Hollywood Republicans.

And so it is that, even with the 1984 elections still 20 months away, the men who would be president already are earnestly bidding for the favor of the new Hollywood fat cats: benefit-minded celebrities and the men who manage them.

Suddenly, show business is acting like a no-nonsense special interest. Entertainment companies are hiring Washington lawyers and lobbyists and are having their employees form political action committees to protect their stakes in the rapidly evolving and regulation-prone communications universe. Currently, four of the seven major studios are represented by a lobbyist or PAC in Washington.

In last November's off-year elections, the 25 entertainment-industry PACs gave more than \$2 million to candidates running for the 98th congress, according to calculations by the *Los Angeles Times*. Specifically, those 25 PACs gave \$1,103,251 to 400 Democrats

and \$257,087 to 222 Republicans, according to *Times* figures. Another \$700,000 was spent on political activities, donated to party organizations, and state and local candidates.

PACs, like the fund-raising rock concerts, are creatures of the campaign reform laws. While current law forbids an individual from contributing more than \$2,000 to a federal candidate, PACs can give five times that much. An individual can only give \$25,000 to various federal candidates in a year, but a PAC has no total limit.

In the last few years, Irving Azoff who directs the careers of such big concert draws as Dan Fogelberg and the Eagles and other personal managers such as Jeff Wald and Jerry Weintraub have more than met the challenge. In the 1976 campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination, Wald recalls that Jimmy Carter "was saved twice" by the Allman Brothers Band, which put on hastily arranged concerts to transfuse the anemic Carter campaign coffers.

An analysis of 1982 political contributors shows that virtually none of the money raised by the new Hollywood fat cats was spent on Republicans, whose major show-business supporters are older mainstays such as Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Wayne Newton.



AMBASSADOR AND STAR: Andrew Young who was U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. talks with actor Sidney Poitier at a party following the screening of Poitier's new film, *A Piece of the Action* in New York.

Paris cultural show ends on tame note

By Michael Dobbs

PARIS (WP) — It was billed as the biggest and most eclectic gathering of intellectuals and cultural figures ever held. Sophia Loren sat cross-legged on a settee talking to Melina Mercouri. Graham Greene struck up a conversation with John Kenneth Galbraith. Peter Ustinov shook hands warmly with Francois Mitterrand.

Last weekend, nearly 300 representatives of the world's artistic and intellectual elite were engaged in a collective brainstorming officially titled "creation and development." Under French government auspices they discussed the weighty subject of how to solve the economic crisis, and occasionally delved into such topics as the insidious cultural threat posed by the American television series *Dallas*.

At the end of the congress, marked by a glittering reception at the Elysee Palace hosted by President Mitterrand, the participants seemed to have difficulty pinpointing exactly what had been achieved. But they all agreed that the occasion had been unique.

As Francis Ford Coppola, himself no stranger to mammoth undertakings with films such as *Apocalypse Now* to his credit, remarked: "Well, nobody else has thought of this kind of meeting before. The French have done it — and nobody else has."

Surveying a roomful of writers, actors and philosophers munching smoked ham sandwiches, economist Galbraith sniffed: "Only a journalist would ask if this was actually useful."

Asked what original ideas had come out of the meeting, the author of *The Affluent Society* thought a bit and then replied: "Well, I found Norman Mailer's proposal for a tax on plastics very interesting."

Mercouri, described on the official list of participants as "comedian" rather than as the Greek minister of culture, took a serious view of the congress. "This is the first time anything like this has happened. It's a marriage between intellectuals and the economic crisis. United, we can be the biggest force for peace in the world," she said.

There were occasional grumbles too. Ustinov complained that he found the seats in the great hall of the Sorbonne "uncomfortable." Mailer said his French wasn't good

enough to follow much of the rhetoric delivered beneath the busts of such great men of French letters as Descartes and Pascal. Mary McCarthy used words like "begue" and "boring" to describe many of the speeches in her special commission, which was devoted to "culture and change." Feminist writer Kate Millet complained about the paucity of women at the meeting, saying that "you are shutting your eyes to half a mankind."

Perhaps the most important aspect of the congress was the social making of intellectuals from different disciplines. "We met old friends and made new ones," remarked McCarthy.

"I don't think for a moment that the rate of inflation will drop by a single point as a result of this meeting. What happens here is by nature indefinable," Ustinov said.

Around and about stood long-haired artists in shabby clothes, eminent scholars, film-makers and Nobel Prize laureates. The guest list read like an extract from "who's who of world culture." Gabriel Garcia Marquez, the Colombian winner of the Nobel Prize for literature, was there. So too were film directors such as Sidney Lumet, poets such as Leopold Senghor, and a gaggle of American writers such as William Styron, Susan Sontag and Robert Penn Warren.

Ustinov praised France's socialist government for bringing them all together. "This is an extraordinary initiative from a government. Governments of the left are always much better at this sort of thing because they give the appearance of at least wanting to learn, while governments of the right want only to teach."

The holding of the congress reflected the present French government's hopes of promoting French culture and communications technology, particularly in the Third World. The link between culture and economics was stressed by Mitterrand in his closing speech in which he invited the participants to "prepare for the moral rejuvenation of the world."

Mitterrand said the solution to today's economic crisis lay neither in traditional liberal capitalism nor state socialism of the kind embodied in Eastern Europe. France, he said, was investing heavily in technology — but the new information systems had to be fed by cultured and intelligent human beings.

Yugoslav ethnic strife threatening literature

By Ivan Stefanovic

BELGRADE (AP) — Writers and performers in this nation of 23 nationalities fear that old ethnic divisions and the official reaction to them could result in new restrictions on the arts.

Writers complain that party interference has no place in the creative life of this nonaligned Communist country, where artists enjoy much more freedom than in the neighboring Soviet bloc. Communist Party officials say greater vigilance is needed because of rising factionalism among the Serbs, Croats, Slovenes, Albanians, Macedonians and others that make up the Yugoslav nation.

A play dealing with ethnic hatreds dating back to World War II, was banned by regional party officials in the Serbian province of Vojvodina. Two weeks later, the play, *Golubijica, or Pigeon House*, opened to critical acclaim in Belgrade, the Serbian and national capital.

The affair prompted Dusko Roksanovic, former president of the National Union of Authors and Playwrights, to lament: "When unskilled and unqualified persons levy their assessment on creativity, in an authoritative manner, then there comes misunderstanding and an absurd situation."

"A nationalist mosaic is being built little by little," warned Jure Bilic, the Croatian Communist Party leader. He called for "a resolute counteroffensive."

Nationalism and ethnic rivalries have traditionally torn at the Balkan country of 22 million people, which is divided into six republics and two Serbian provinces.

Pigeon House, by Jovan Radulovic, features songs charged with Serbian nationalism and deals with the Ustasas, a Croatian nationalist movement, which had a puppet fascist state in

World War II. In a move that sparked controversy in the nation's press, the play was banned by a Communist Party committee in Novi Sad, in northeastern Yugoslavia, after local party cultural officials had approved it.

Ljuba Tadic, a popular actor, broke his contract with the Novi Sad theater to protest the banning and the country's Union of Authors and Playwrights publicly deplored the move.

In 1981, authorities banned *The Woolen Times*, a book of poetry by Gojko Djogo, and ordered the poet jailed for two years. The book was publicly denounced for derogatory remarks about the late President Josip Broz Tito, who was revered as the nation's unifying force after the war. The sentence was later halved and is still under appeal. Last fall, a book discussing Djogo's work was also banned. Some party officials have said they would like to see stricter controls over the publishing industry during the coming year.

"There is a flood of opposition things, and there is nearly no resistance to it," said Bilic, the Croatian Party leader. "Just look at the titles of translated books, ranging from Belles lettres to political literature. It is a flood of destruction, and there is nearly no resistance to it." He did not mention any titles.

Nationalist tensions are strongest in the southern province of Kosovo, where ethnic Albanians rioted in early 1981, demanding greater political autonomy. Since then, Serbs, Montenegrins and other minorities have been leaving the area, and sporadic violence has continued since then. In the past 18 months, 400 persons have been sent to jail for nationalist activities, most of them in Kosovo. Kosovo and Vojvodina are the Serbian provinces.

Some Yugoslav leaders say the country's deep economic crisis is partly responsible for the increased nationalism.

Filipinos near the Arctic

By Arjuna

MANILA (Depthnews) — Filipinos, the inveterate travelers they are, can often be found in the most unlikely places in the world. In one of my journeys to that distant Canadian province of Newfoundland, I was pleasantly surprised to find more than a dozen of them — nurses and doctors — ministering to the medical needs of the Canadians.

For Asians who have never been up that far on top of the world, Newfoundland is very near the Arctic. It is an island, colonized by the British over a hundred years ago, whose summers are often characterized by the presence of icebergs serenely floating on the still blue waters.

Often, the Newfies — as the inhabitants of Newfoundland are called — are the butt of Canadian jokes. One of the most popular souvenir items in the eastern Canadian coast, for example, is the Newfie rolling pin. Unlike the ordinary rolling pin, however, it is rectangular.

Anyway, the first Filipinos — indeed the first Asians — to reach Newfoundland were doctors and nurses. Fresh from their universities they had gone to Newfoundland in the early 1960s — a period when Asian medical personnel were in great demand in the United States and Canada. Not only was there a shortage in North America — and a surplus in Asia — but whatever medical personnel there are: are refused to serve in the most remote parts of the continent.

The Filipino doctors and nurses, some of

them driven by a strong sense of mission, went to Newfoundland. Jobs were plenty and medical personnel were so few. Letoy, one of the first Filipino nurses to work in Newfoundland, said that they often had to use dog sleds and snow shoes to cross the frozen bays and lakes in order to reach the far-flung hospitals. Now a series of good roads and bridges connect most of the island's towns.

The Newfies are indeed thankful for the presence of the Filipino medical personnel in Newfoundland. A few of them have married Newfies and many have since then become Canadian citizens and are now working in other more "civilized" parts of Canada.

The most difficult thing for the first-timers was how to adjust to the cold. Coming from a tropical country, snow was indeed a novelty. Gritting their teeth against the biting Arctic air, the Filipino nurses soon began to actually like winter. Many of them have taken to skiing and ice skating in the hospital pond. But to ensure their comfort, the hospital administration had built a tunnel connecting the staff house to the hospital, eliminating the need for winter clothes when going to work.

These nurses have endeared themselves to the community. In fact, one taxi is now affectionately called the Filipino taxi. Filipino nurses have become the favorite passengers of the owner.

I rode with the owner of the taxi one day — his name was Hayward Dove — and asked him what the community would be without the Filipino medical personnel. "We'd sorely miss them," he said with a grin.

U.N. occasions hit by law of diminishing returns

By Anthony Goodman

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The United Nations was once content to mark just its birthday, but now it has a growing number of special days, months, years and even decades dedicated to a bewildering array of causes ranging from disarmament to drinking water.

A few of the dates are widely celebrated with meetings, speeches and seminars. Foremost among them is United Nations Day, observed each year on Oct. 24, the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the U.N. Charter. Another is Human Rights Day, Dec. 10, the anniversary of the adoption in 1948 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. But many of the occasions are less well known, except within the U.N. itself or among those with a special interest.

How many people know, for example, that the period 1978 to 1988 has been declared "transport and communications decade" in Africa? Or that the 1980s are the international drinking water supply and sanitation decade as well as the third U.N. development decade?

Following International Women's Year (1975) and the International Year for Dis-

abled Persons (1981), we are now well into World Communications Year.

Still to come are International Youth Year in 1985, the International Year of Peace in 1986 and the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless in 1987.

During these years, which try to focus attention on problems of social or economic development, governments are urged to set up national commissions to plan appropriate practical projects. Some 170 states and territories did so for the International Year of the Child in 1979. The special observances are proclaimed in resolutions adopted by the General Assembly to publicize some cause or concern. Some may rate no more than a special message or a concern. For others, an international conference is arranged.

Disarmament Week, which begins annually on U.N. Day, was instituted by the assembly at its first special session on the question of disarmament, in 1978. It invited all states to carry out special activities to underline the dangers of the arms race.

The following year, the assembly declared the 1980s to be the second disarmament decade, noting that the first, the 1970s, had

been less than a resounding success. By the same rationale, there seems little reason to suppose that the current third development decade will be the last.

Many of U.N.'s special dates are motivated by specific political issues, with South Africa particularly to the fore. The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is concerned almost entirely with that country, with little reference to racism in other parts of the world. The day is observed annually. March 21, the anniversary of the killing by South African police of 68 Africans demonstrating against the pass laws at Sharpeville in 1960.

Beginning May 25, Africa Liberation Day, the U.N. marks the week of solidarity with the peoples of Namibia and all other colonial territories as well as those in South Africa, fighting for freedom, independence and human rights. Other dates include June 16, the International Day of Solidarity with the Struggling People of South Africa, Aug. 9 which celebrates the struggle of women in South Africa and Aug. 26, Namibia Day.

Less political observances include International Women's Day (March 8), World Meteorological Day (March 23), World

Health Day (April 7), World Telecommunication Day (May 17), World Environment Day (June 5), International Literacy Day (Sept. 8), Universal Children's Day (first Monday in October), Universal Postal Union Day (Oct. 9), World Food Day (Oct. 16) and World Development Information Day (Oct. 24).

With diary space dwindling, even the U.N. itself was moved in 1979 to report "... a widespread feeling that the law of diminishing returns has already set in, particularly now that almost every calendar year is being celebrated in connection with one subject or another." On the other hand, said the report: "It is recognized that the international year, if used sparingly for what one government has described as the 'priority concerns of humanity,' is a powerful instrument capable of stimulating worldwide activities and greater popular involvement in them."

With this in mind, the U.N. last year added its latest brainchild to the list: "Henceforth, the third Tuesday in September, the day on which the General Assembly traditionally begins its annual session, is the International Day of Peace."

Due to recession

Congress may slash foreign aid

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP) — The U.S. Congress is making it clear to the administration of President Ronald Reagan that its \$15.5 billion foreign aid request is in danger this year because Americans think the money is needed at home and the emphasis on military aid is unpopular.

Foreign aid is never widely favored in the United States, but political support appears to be at an all-time low because of the deep economic recession. Congressmen of both major parties complain it is virtually impossible to persuade constituents to support spending abroad.

Representative Clement Zablocki, Democratic chairman of the House of Representatives' Foreign Affairs Committee, acknowledged the administration can argue that foreign aid is in the national interest. But, he added, "it is going to be very difficult" to enact legislation because "there is no constituency for foreign aid."

State Department officials are seeking to justify the foreign aid by saying military aid is needed to help friendly nations defend themselves directly, and the United States indirectly, and that economic aid helps create jobs for Americans.

But they clearly have a long way to go

List of recipients at a glance

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP) — Here is a list of the biggest recipients of U.S. foreign aid in fiscal 1984 if the U.S. Congress approves President Ronald Reagan's aid program:

Israel, which receives more than any other nation, \$2.48 billion, including \$1.7 billion in military aid and \$785 million in economic aid.
Egypt, \$2.05 billion, including \$1.3 billion military and \$750 million economic.
Turkey, \$930 million, \$755 million military and \$175 million economic.
Pakistan, \$525 million, \$300 million military and \$225 million economic.
Greece, \$280 million, all military.
South Korea, \$230 million, all military.
El Salvador, \$205 million, \$85 million military and \$120 million economic.
Sudan, \$180 million, \$60 million military and \$120 million economic.
Jordan, \$135 million, \$115 million military and \$20 million economic.
Thailand, \$104 million, \$99 million military and \$5 million economic.
Honduras, \$80 million, \$40 million military and \$40 million economic.
Somalia, \$75 million, \$40 million military and \$35 million economic.

before Congress will be persuaded, judging from how administration witnesses were received during an initial round of hearings last week.

One focus of criticism is the steady shift from developmental to military aid that has been under way in the program since Reagan took office. Secretary of State George P. Shultz told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that 43 percent of America's foreign aid now goes for military purposes. The administration projects that military aid will outstrip economic aid by 1986.

Shultz argued that for nations the administration believes are threatened by guerrilla subversion, such as El Salvador, or by outside intervention, such as the Sudan from Libya, "being able to get themselves some stability is an essential ingredient for

economic development."

In addition, much of the economic aid is for governments whose survival is considered vital to U.S. strategic interests, such as Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Pakistan and El Salvador.

Probably no more than 10 percent, of that, of American foreign aid is intended solely to combat poverty. These funds are primarily dispensed by the Agency for International Development — for which the administration is asking \$1.7 billion, virtually the same as in 1983 — and the World Bank, to which the United States is behind in its commitments.

The betting is that a foreign aid bill will be enacted for fiscal 1984, for the first time in three years, but that it likely will be much less than the \$14.5 billion the administration wants which is a 4.6 percent increase over its 1983 request.

Poland's move to boost unions

BUDAPEST, Feb. 21 (AP) — Polish Deputy Premier Mieczyslaw Rakowski, conceding reluctance of workers to join the new Polish trade unions, has hinted hesitant Communist Party members may be forced to give up their opposition in an apparent effort to boost union membership.

Some ten million Polish workers were members of the Soviet bloc's first independent trade union Solidarity that was banned after martial law, lifted in the meantime, was imposed in Poland on Dec. 13, 1981.

Rakowski, who left here Saturday after talks with Hungarian party chief Janos Kadar and other officials, made clear he favored such a move in an interview with Hungarian television broadcast Sunday.

According to the official news agency MTI, Rakowski was asked to comment on the "striking" situation that new unions had only a membership of one million, while the party had 2 1/2 million members.

The Polish leader said at present there were 200,000 party members in the unions, adding "the situation would, of course, change if the party ordered its members — as is its right — to join the trade unions."

Rakowski pointed out the principle of "no rash steps" had been extended to party members as well, adding "I personally think that it is time to abandon this thesis and persuade party members, since they are after all the political vanguard of society, to take up an active position in the new union, too, that is, to join them."

In a newspaper interview, Polish Trade Union Minister Josef Ciolek said the cautiousness of Polish workers was "self-evident" since they "have burned themselves twice already."

Ciolek said this happened in 1980 when "the trade unions failed to meet their duty" and then when people joined Solidarity and "Polish workers found themselves on the back of a horse that then abruptly changed

course." He added it was a natural thing that "workers are reluctant to burn themselves for a third time."

In the television interview, Rakowski was reported to have complained about the "recently frequent demonstrations." He said "these demonstrations did not involve big masses (of people). A couple of hundred or thousand people protested in some cities of Poland, first of all in Gdansk and Warsaw."

Rakowski argued that the unrest was the consequence of the "prevailing situation," adding "the political opposition, the anti-Socialist force, still active in the country will not simply give up the struggle ... (they) are trying to sell to the public that they have influence on society."

U.S. trade gain with China drops

PEKING, Feb. 21 (R) — The U.S. trade surplus with China fell last year to \$628.4 million against \$1.72 billion in 1981, the U.S. Embassy said.

Overall U.S./China trade dropped by 5.7 percent to \$5.19 billion last year, against \$5.51 billion in 1981, it added in a press statement.

China had a \$34.3 million surplus in the second half of 1982, against a \$662.7 million deficit in the first half, it said.

The fall in the U.S. surplus was due mainly to a steady and marked decline in U.S. exports to China during the course of the year. Exports fell from \$905.2 million in the first quarter of 1982 to \$518.6 million in the last three months, the embassy said.

Total U.S. exports to China fell last year by 19.4 percent to \$2.91 billion against \$3.61 billion in 1981, but Chinese exports to the U.S. rose by 20.4 percent to \$2.28 billion, against \$1.90 billion last year, it added. Figures are rounded.



TRIAL FLIGHT: Airbus A310 due to join Swissair seen recently taking off on a trial flight.

Swissair to get 1st Airbus A310 delivery in '83

ZURICH, Feb. 21 — The first Airbus A310 is due to join Swissair's fleet in spring 1983. The Swiss national carrier placed firm orders for ten of these short-to-medium haul transports in March 1979 in a deal worth 694 million francs, besides optioning a further 10 transports of the same type. Together with Lufthansa, it played a decisive role in the inception of the new, twin-engine Airbus A310, particularly in respect of its technical equipment. Deliveries of Swissair's aircraft should be completed by 1988, according to a press release here.

The A310-220 is a derivative of the A300 which has been in service since 1974 and has made quite a name for itself on account of its low noise impact. Today more than 150 A300s are in operation the world over in the colors of over 30 different carriers. The A310 is not a "stretched" version of the original model, in fact the body was shortened by some 7 meters in response to the market. Passenger capacity is accordingly about 4 seats rows lower, amounting to 212 in the Swissair version as compared to 244 on the A300. All passengers — 190 in economy and 22 in first class — will enjoy typical twin-aisle comfort and convenience. Seat configuration is identical with that of the DC-10 — namely, one pair of seats at each window side and two pairs in the middle. Thus no passenger is further than one seat away from an aisle.

Compared to the aircraft currently operated by Swissair on European routes, which can accommodate up to 3 tons of freight, the new Airbus will have a cargo capacity of 6-7 tons. Another big advantage of the A310 is that it will have room for up to 15 standard containers, or, for example, 7 containers and 3 pallets.

The most significant difference between the A300 and the A310 is the completely new wing of the A310. In developing this new feature, Airbus Industrie invested a sum approaching 1000 million Swiss francs.

Unemployment may rise

U.K. inflation fall seen at 5.8%

LONDON, Feb. 21 (R) — U.K. consumer price inflation is expected to drop to an average 5.8 percent this year, from eight percent last year, as real GDP growth accelerates to 1.75 percent from 0.5 percent, the London Business School said.

In its "Economic Outlook" it said despite the recent fall in sterling it lowered its forecast of 1983 inflation because moderate wage settlements and continued job cutbacks will exert downward pressure on prices in the first half of 1983.

It said both the retail price index and consumer prices, as measured by the GDP deflator, are expected to rise at about a six percent year-on-year rate by end-1983. Previously it forecast an 8.5 percent. The retail price index rose 4.9 percent year-on-year in January.

Low public sector charges and falling importers' profit margins will partly offset some of the effects of sterling's recent fall. The economic recovery will be fueled by a

rise in consumer spending and will help boost company profits, excluding North Sea oil, by 31 percent this year. Unemployment is expected to continue rising.

After its recent sharp fall, sterling is expected to stabilize, because U.K. competitiveness is no longer out of line with other countries and fiscal and monetary policy remain reasonably tight, the school said.

It sees the U.K. current account surplus shrinking to about 1.5 billion Sterling this year, from over four billion in 1982. Since the government has indicated it will not react to any sterling weakness by raising interest rates, the school expects short-term rates to drop, averaging 9.3 percent in the year beginning in April, compared with 11.1 percent the previous year, as money supply growth falls to single figures.

The school said that productivity improvements, control of public spending and the recent fall in sterling show that the economy is returning to balance.

West German cars hit the high road

BONN, Feb. 21 (R) — West German luxury carmakers are happy over a surge in their sales, while producers of more work-a-day transport, who have had to struggle with the effects of recession, are also beginning to show signs of optimism.

Daimler-Benz and BMW, two of the most successful luxury car producers, have top-selling new models on their hands. But Volkswagen, West German Ford and Opel, serving the mass market, have had to reckon with short-time working and weak demand.

West German car registrations fell by 7.5 percent to 2.2 million last year, but Daimler with its new compact 190 series cars, and BMW with its undated "3 series" sports saloons, cannot produce enough to satisfy demand.

Though well received, the new BMWs face tough competition from Mercedes saloons, which are a radical change from

Daimler's traditional limousines.

"They're built by people who know what they're doing, but with our new 3 series we have reserves up our sleeve if the going gets tough," BMW board member Karlheinz Radermacher said.

Evidence of the success of West Germany's luxury automobile builders comes from the family-owned Porsche sports car firm, where turnover rose by 28 percent last year and profits increased four-fold.

A short trip along the autobahn (motorway) provides concrete proof of why these high performance cars are so popular in West Germany where speed limit is set over 160 kph (100 mph).

But even in the United States, where speed limits are enforced, West German luxury cars are selling well. Over a third of Porsche's output went there last year and the company's U.S. sales are increasing.

The performance of Porsche in the U.S.

contrasts strongly with that of Volkswagen which set up two car assembly plants there but has left one of them idle.

In the U.S. buyers have turned away from VW's small Rabbit saloon, known as the Golf in other countries. The shrinking sales in U.S. is blamed for the loss of \$61 million sustained by the company last year. Two-thirds of VW's 120,000 West German workers have been on intermittent short time in recent months as demand has fallen. However, the company has not slowed the pace of its wide involvement in foreign ventures. It has signed a cross-border deal to produce gearboxes with Renault of France, while in China it plans a joint venture with the Shanghai Tractor and Automobile Company to build VW Santana cars and engines.

Private car ownership is unknown in China, but even with this constraint, China offers high hopes for West German car firms.

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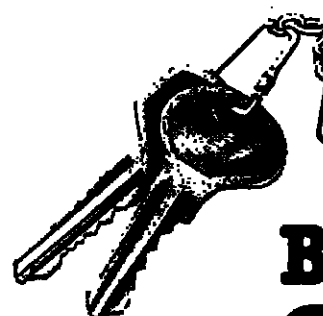
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Limiting Japanese exports

EEC's protectionist tendencies exposed

BRUSSELS, Feb. 21 (AFP) — The European Economic Community (EEC) was at the center of several developments in the debate about the dangers of trade protectionism this week.

The major news event was the announcement that Japan has agreed to restrain exports of 10 sensitive items to the EEC. In particular Japan has agreed to hold exports of videotape recorders this year to 4.55 million units compared with 4.9 million last year.

In addition a joint effort is to be made to help European manufacturers turn out 1.2 million units this year, and the Japanese will respond to dumping charges by adjusting their prices.

This and other measures announced in the package of voluntary restraint was expected to placate particularly the French who have imposed tough restrictions on the import of Japanese videotape recorders, and had been moving toward a similar line on general policy toward the Japanese export effort.

However, West Germany was believed to regard the package as yet another move toward veiled, albeit voluntary, protectionist tendencies.

Meanwhile, it was reported that in response to the package the Dutch Philips group was seeking to withdraw dumping charges, and company officials said the firm would try to persuade the West German Grundig firm to do likewise.

At another level, the EEC commission urged the council of ministers to introduce quicker procedures for tackling what are regarded as unfair trading practices by Third World countries believed to be damaging EEC producers.

However, in the light of Japan's voluntary restraint package, the influential London *Economist* magazine this weekend carried a cover headline "Import or die": and a long editorial attacking the whole concept of such arrangements.

The editorial said the deal "is designed to protect not just those industries in Europe that are entering their graves", but also to help such fledgling industries as the videotape sector.

"All must pay in the cause of helping Europe's industrial infants grow up too puny to survive the full blast of international competition", the article said, commenting that the restrictions "will underwrite inflation by preserving the costly and the inefficient."

Noting that leading EEC countries depend far more on export industries than does Japan, the magazine wrote: "It is obvious that the EEC nations have far more to fear from a protectionist world. For Europe it is 'import or die'."

U.K. water strike talks postponed

LONDON, Feb. 21 (AP) — A key meeting between unions and management that was widely expected to bring an end to Britain's four-week-old water and sewerage strike was postponed Monday while a three-man inquiry team put the finishing touches to a peace formula.

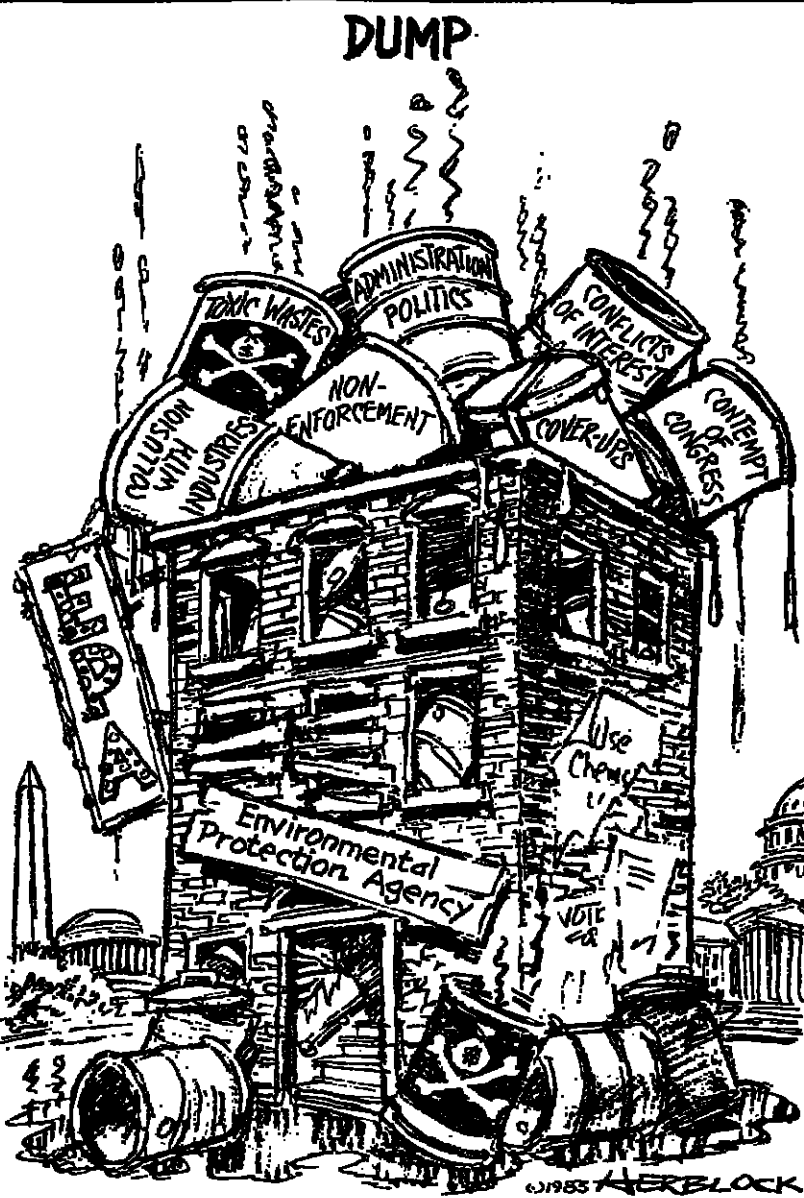
The delay means 81,000 Britons without water must rely on emergency supplies brought to local neighborhoods and 7.9 million others must continue boiling water.

The meeting of the National Joint Industrial Council, now expected Tuesday, will discuss recommendations by the inquiry team appointed to try and resolve the pay dispute. Earlier, the inquiry team huddled through Sunday completing a report due to end Britain's water strike while impatient strikers clustered outside.

As union and management officials waited separately in the building where the inquiry team met near the houses of parliament, some 100 strikers raced past police into a lobby shouting they would settle only for an original 15 percent raise claimed.

On Sunday, the group of protesting strikers rushed up to the first floor of the headquarters of the government strike-mediation body, the Arbitration, Conciliation and Advisory Service.

Chanting "we shall not be moved" and clapping their hands, the strikers jammed into a lobby as police guarded the door to the inquiry team's room.



Grain shipments up

Freight rates remain dull

LONDON, Feb. 21 (AFP) — After a slow start in most sectors, activity on the freight market picked up toward the end of last week, though rates failed to show any significant improvement.

Indeed, some rates accepted on the principal U.S. grain export routes almost wiped out the gains noted since the beginning of the year.

However, rumors of Iranian chartering after a long absence from the market, and of

German wholesale prices decline

WIESBADEN, Feb. 21 (R) — Wholesale prices in West Germany have fallen on an annual basis for the first time in over four years, signaling further declines in the cost of living, official figures showed Monday.

The Federal Statistics Office said the wholesale price index last month was 0.2 percent below January 1982, the first annual fall since October 1978.

The wholesale price index, which often acts as an indicator of the trend in consumer prices in coming months, has been falling on a monthly basis since December. In January the monthly fall was one percent, following a 0.6 percent downturn the previous month.

possible Egyptian inquiry both on freight and time charter markets, stimulated interest early on, though fixtures could not be confirmed. News of Chinese chartering added to the welcome upturn in activity in the grain trades.

South American grain shipments increased, with a marked interest down by Japanese charterers in particular, though rates remained static.

The same source of inquiry appeared briefly in the Pacific grain sector but otherwise activity was little changed from the previous week.

An example of the sharp decline in grain rates was the \$7.85/ton accepted by a 70,000 tonner U.S. Gulf / Netherlands, a drop of \$1.15 from this month's peak and only 35 cents above this lowest level.

In addition a 49,000 / 51,000 tonner was paid \$8.50 / ton to the Spanish Mediterranean, \$1 down on last week, while rates to Japan fell 30 cents, to \$16.50 / ton for a 52,000 tonner. Rates paid to smaller vessels were virtually unchanged at \$18.75 / ton.

A 50-cent drop to \$18.50/ton was seen in the U.S. Atlantic for a 30,000 tonner to Japan.

Chinese charterers paid an unchanged \$25.25 / ton for a 36,000 ton cargo from the same region.

Financial Roundup

Dollar tastes mixed fortune

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Feb. 21 — The dollar was mixed on the European exchanges Monday and trading was thin due to a New York banking holiday Monday night. Eurodollar deposit levels were stable at first but later fell back by around 1/8 percent after the European markets took stock of the weekend developments in New York concerning the likely trend of U.S. interest rates. The smaller than expected rise in the U.S. weekly supply figures also helped to keep Eurodollar deposit rates easier and the one-month rate traded around 8 11/16 to 8 13/16 percent.

The longer periods were also marginally down, 9 1/8 percent after they had remained firm all last week in the face of conflicting claims over the direction of U.S. interest rate policies.

In the European bullion markets, gold and silver prices were generally easier but trading volumes were small in the face of the New York holidays.

God prices traded around \$503.00 an ounce, while silver prices traded around \$14.55 an ounce. Prices fell back marginally by close of business. Still, dealers were altogether pleased that prices have remained stable since they had feared that bullion prices might ease further on the European markets this week after a particularly nervous weekend closing in the New York markets.

In Europe, the pound was easier Monday and traded at the 1.5390 levels from 1.5410

on Friday. This reflects the oil markets concern that oil prices might be reduced ever further unless the present pricing uncertainty is overcome. With Nigeria reducing its oil price by \$5.5 a barrel, the confusion over coherent oil world pricing is continuing.

The German mark was stronger at 2.3920 levels, while the Swiss franc was stronger at 1.9905 from 2.00 closing levels Friday. The Swiss franc raised a few points against the dollar to trade at 6.7815 from 6.8100 levels, while the Japanese yen was stable around 232.10 levels. The exchange markets were generally characterized by cautious trading.

On the domestic markets, the rial deposit rates were generally easier on opening but some spirited short-term dealing pushed the rate back up to Thursday closing levels. The week-fixed traded around 6 1/2 - 6 3/4 percent, while the one-month JIBOR traded around the 6 3/4 - 7 1/4 percent level. Longer-dated funds were easier at 8 1/2 - 9 percent.

On the spot exchange markets, trading was somewhat erratic and prices moved from 3.4400-05 to 3.4398-02 levels in the face of the dollar's fluctuations in Europe.

LONDON, (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):	
London	505.00
Paris	504.40
Frankfurt	504.97
Zurich	505.00
Hong Kong	503.84

U.S. mail-order sales on the rise

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AFP) — In the 90 years that have gone by since America's first mail-order catalogue went to press, the mail-order business has boomed beyond all expectation, with sales totaling \$40 billion last year for products advertised in over five billion catalogues.

For the everyday working woman, exhausted by long hours of work and the ride to and from the job, mail-ordering is fast becoming an easy, speedy and tireless way of shopping.

With each American family receiving an order catalogue every four days, mail-order sales are increasing at a rate of 15 percent a year, or five-fold the hike recorded in the retail trade.

And while the business now holds a mere four percent share of the country's retail turnover, it is believed that by next decade, one out of every five sales will be made on the basis of a catalogue order.

The considerable boom in the business these last few years is believed to be due to the increasing number of working women and the computerization of sales.

One American daily, *USA Today*, has even taken to publishing a photo of each day's "best buy", with a full page monthly highlighting countrywide "finds available" with a mere postage stamp or credit card.

The use of credit cards has played an instrumental role in upping catalogue sales. At the slightest whim, and without having to scurry for a pen, prospective buyers can now simply pick up their telephones and ring in an order. Some companies say they receive up to 16,000 calls a day.

But the current recession has also favored mail sales. With profits plunging daily, many small shops have had to reduce both stocks and personnel.

Indonesia seeks \$600m IMF loan

JAKARTA, Feb. 21 (AFP) — Indonesia is seeking a loan of at least \$600 million from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to help plug its growing payments deficit, informed sources said here Monday.

The money would doubtless go toward countering losses due to lower Indonesian crude oil prices, the sources said. Every \$ price drop implies a loss of some \$300 million per annum.

Indonesia, Asia's top oil exporter at 850,000 barrels a day, has suffered lower exports of petroleum products over the past 10 months, just when fewer shipments are taking place of other commodities.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 p.m. Monday	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.16	9.15
Bangladesh Taka	14.20	14.30
Belgian Franc (1,000)	74.00	73.30
Canadian Dollar	74.00	73.30
Deutsche Mark (100)	144.15	144.05
Dutch Guilder (100)	130.50	130.41
Egyptian Pound	3.15	3.11
Emirate Dirham (100)	93.75	93.75
French Franc (100)	51.00	50.88
Greek Drachma (1,000)	37.50	41.60
Indian Rupee (100)		34.75
Iranian Rial (100)		
Israeli Dinar		5.80
Italian Lira (10,000)	25.30	25.10
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	14.93
Jordanian Dinar	9.77	9.74
Kuwait Dinar	11.88	11.85
Lebanese Lira (100)	87.00	86.78
Moroccan Dirham (100)	52.50	54.45
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	26.95
Philippine Peso (100)		36.70
Pound Sterling	5.34	5.32
Qatari Riyal (100)	95.00	94.70
Singapore Dollar (100)		167.10
Spanish Peseta (1,000)		26.88
Swiss Franc (100)	173.15	172.97
Syrian Lira (100)	62.00	61.60
Turkish Lira (1,000)		
U.S. Dollar	3.45	3.44
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.15	75.15
Selling Price		
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Bucks squeeze past Nets

Woodson's kingly show eclipses Rockets

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (AP) — Just call him Mike "1 1/2 points a minute" Woodson. The 6-foot-5 reserve guard, in his third National Basketball Association season, came off the bench midway through the first period Sunday and played 32 minutes in the Kansas City Kings' 128-106 rout of the Houston Rockets. When he was through, he owned a Kemper arena record of 48 points.

Elsewhere, the Philadelphia 76ers trimmed the New York Knicks 104-89, the Los Angeles Lakers trounced the Indiana Pacers 126-112, the Milwaukee Bucks nipped the New Jersey Nets 109-108, the San Antonio Spurs shaded the Atlanta Hawks 103-100, the Phoenix Suns buried the Cleveland Cavaliers 103-81, the Chicago Bulls defeated the Dallas Mavericks 124-111, the Seattle SuperSonics downed the Golden State Warriors 116-112, the San Diego Clippers beat the Utah Jazz 107-97 and the Portland Trail Blazers turned back the Washington Bullets 104-95.

76ers 104, Knicks 89: At Philadelphia, Moses Malone scored 23 points and grabbed 19 rebounds as the 76ers won their sixth straight game. The sixers, 46-7, increased their Atlantic Division lead over the Boston Celtics to seven games. Andrew Toney added 19 points and Julius Erving had 16.

Lakers 126, Pacers 112: At Indianapolis, Earvin "Magic" Johnson scored 27 points.

Scott replaces Smith as skipper

LONDON, Feb. 21 (AFP) — John Scott became England Rugby Union captain Monday — and the first thing he did was to telephone the man he has replaced, Steve Smith.

Smith is dropped after winning 27 caps, more than any other England scrum-half. Also axed after the draw with Wales is Smith's half-back colleague Les Cusworth, while Peter Wheeler, again overlooked as captain, returns as hooker, after injury.

Smith's place in next week's Calcutta Cup match with Scotland at Twickenham goes to 22-year-old uncapped Nigel Melville, his understudy for the past two seasons, and there is a recall at stand-off for Bath's John Horton, who was dropped after the last match in Cardiff two years ago.

Scott, 28, who has captained Cardiff to two successive wins in the Schweppes Welsh Cup, admitted he was "totally shocked" when he was told he was to lead England. "I need a quiet couple of hours to let it sink in," he said. "But first I must phone Smithy — I feel really sorry for him. He's served England so well."

Scott, who was the youngest forward to play in an England trial, at the age of 17, will become England's most capped No. 8, against Scotland.

Smith's international career started ten years ago, but he only became captain when Billy Beaumont was forced to retire last season. He had Cusworth received most of the blame for England's recent failure to win in Cardiff, for the first time in 20 years.

The Team: W.H. Hare (Leicester); J. Carleton (Oxford), G. H. Davies (Coventry), P.W. Dodge (Leicester), A.H. Swift (Swansea); J.P. Horton (Bath), N.D. Melville (Warrs); C.E. Smart (Newport), P.J. Wheeler (Leicester), G.S. Pearce (Northampton), S.W. Boyle (Gloucester), S. Bainbridge (Gosforth), N.C. Jeavons (Moseley), J.P. Scott (Cardiff-captain), P.J. Winterbottom (Headingley).

Replacements: N.C. Stringer (Warrs), A.M. Bond (Sale), N.C. Young (Leicester), P.A.G. Rendall (Warrs), S.G.F. Mills (Gloucester), R. Hesford (Bristol).

Flyers sail ahead

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (AP) — Darryl Sittler and Tim Kerr scored 21 seconds apart in the first period to launch the Philadelphia Flyers to a 3-0 shutout of the New Jersey Devils in the National Hockey League Sunday night.

In other matches, Eddie Johnstone scored two goals to lead the New York Rangers to a lopsided 9-4 victory over the Winnipeg Jets.

Ivan Boldirev scored three goals and net-minder Gilles Gilbert recorded his first NHL victory in nearly a year as the Detroit Red Wings defeated the Hartford Whalers 7-2.

Edmonton's Mark Messier, Glenn Anderson and Jari Kurri, the NHL's fifth, ninth and tenth leading scorers, each scored once as the Oilers held off the Buffalo Sabres, 5-4.

Japanese have it easy

SOFIA, Feb. 21 (AFP) — Japan emphatically extended their 100 percent record in the World University Winter Games ice hockey tournament when they beat South Korea 9-1 in a Group 'A' match here Monday. The period scores were 1-0, 5-0, 3-1.

The Japanese built on the confident start which saw them beat Bulgaria 6-2 in their opening match, and despite a relatively quiet opening period, ran riot in the second, scoring five goals.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar 26 and Jamaal Wilkes 24 for Los Angeles, while Norm Nixon had 16 points and 13 assists.

Bucks 109, Nets 108: At Milwaukee, Bob Lanier's layup with nine seconds left gave Milwaukee the victory. Sidney Moncrief scored 31 points and Marques Johnson 25 to lead the Bucks, who overcame a 10-point deficit late in the third period. "I think I get position fairly well," said Lanier, who had missed the previous two games because of chronically sore knees. "We have several plays to go that way, whether it's me or our other big men, and we tend to get easy points."

Spurs 103, Hawks 100: At San Antonio, the Spurs' Johnny Moore scored 10 of his 18

points in the fourth quarter, including seven in the last 2:13, and also dished out 12 assists. He put the Spurs up 101-100 with 31 seconds left on a twisting layup. Mike Mitchell led San Antonio with 26 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, while George Gervin had 24 points.

Suns 101, Cavaliers 81: At Richfield, Ohio, Larry Nance scored 21 points and Walter Davis added 20 to spark Phoenix, offsetting 31 by World Free of the Cavaliers. The Suns played without starting forward Maurice Lucas, who has a bruised calf, and starting guard Dennis Johnson, who flew to Los Angeles because of an illness in his family.

Bulls 124, Mavericks 111: At Chicago, Reggie Theus collected 25 points and Dave

Corzine scored 19 of his 21 in the second half to lift Chicago over Dallas, which lost for only the sixth time in its last 19 games. The Bulls, who trailed by 17 points early in the second quarter, closed the gap to 64-55 at halftime and outscored the Mavericks 35-22 in the third quarter for a 92-86 advantage.

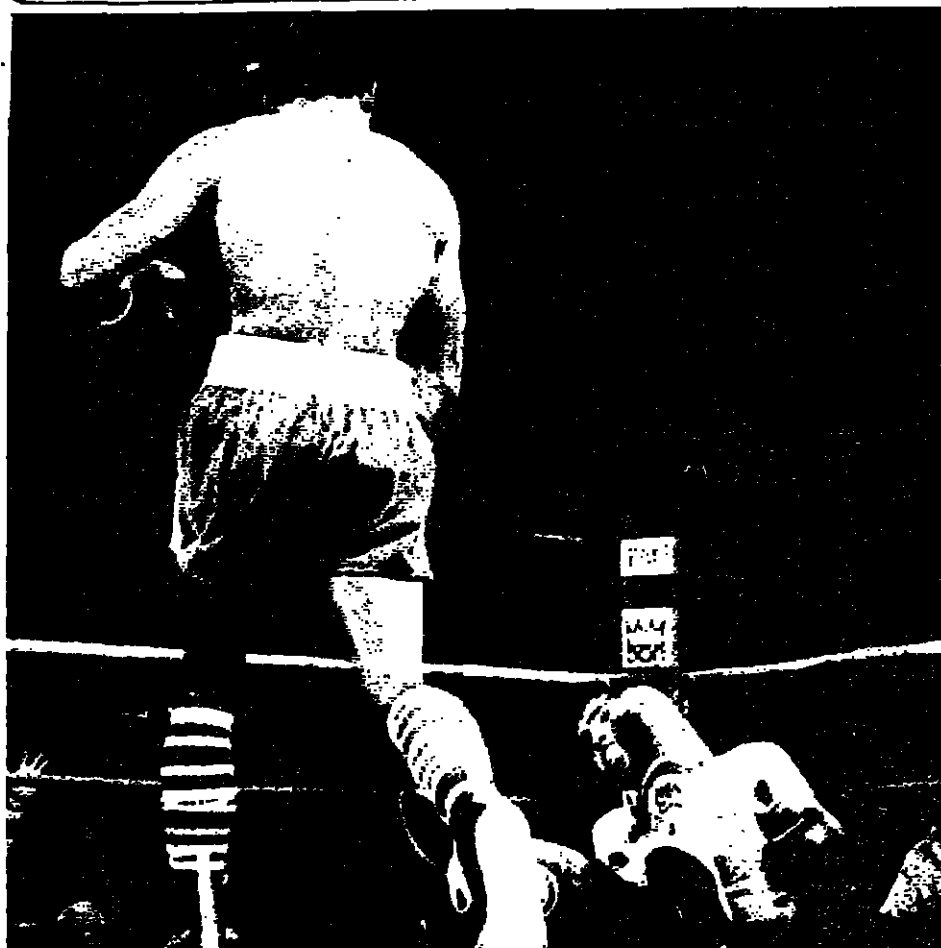
Sonics 116, Warriors 112: At Seattle, Fred Brown hit two jumpers late in the fourth quarter to turn back a Golden State rally that almost erased a 14-point third-period deficit. Seattle's Jack Sikma led all scorers with 30 points. Brown Adubergo and Gus Williams had 18 as the Sonics posted their second straight victory. For the first time they have won two in a row since the third week of December.

Clippers 107, Jazz 97: At San Diego, rookie Terry Cummings scored 26 points and Bill Walton had 18 points and 12 rebounds as San Diego posted its fourth victory in the last five games. Utah, which lost for the 11th time in its last 12 games, played without regular guard Darrell Griffith, who was attending his grandfather's funeral in Louisville.

Trail Blazers 104, Bullets 95: At Portland, Jim Paxson scored 26 points and Calvin Natt added 22 to lead Portland to its fourth straight victory. Natt scored 14 points in the third quarter, including eight in a row at the end of the period to stave off a Washington rally.

NBA standings

Eastern Conference					Western Conference				
Atlantic Division					Midwest Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB	
Philadelphia	46	7	.868	—	San Antonio	33	22	.600	—
Boston	39	14	.736	7	Kansas City	27	28	.491	5
New Jersey	33	20	.623	13	Dallas	26	27	.491	6
Washington	24	27	.471	21	Denver	26	29	.473	7
New York	24	29	.453	22	Utah	19	35	.352	13 1/2
					Houston	10	44	.185	22 1/2
Central Division					Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB	
Milwaukee	36	18	.667	—	Los Angeles	40	12	.769	—
Detroit	26	28	.481	10	Portland	32	21	.604	8 1/2
Atlanta	25	28	.472	10 1/2	Phoenix	32	23	.582	9 1/2
Chicago	19	35	.352	17	Seattle	30	24	.556	11
Indiana	16	38	.296	20	Golden State	22	32	.407	19
Cleveland	13	41	.241	23	San Diego	18	36	.333	23



CRASH: Juan Laporte sends challenger Ruben Castillo reeling to the canvas in the 11th round of their title fight in San Juan Sunday. Laporte retained his crown with a unanimous decision.

Laporte shatters Castillo's dreams

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Feb. 21 (AP) — Juan Laporte of Puerto Rico Sunday successfully defended his World Boxing Council (WBC) featherweight title with a unanimous decision over Ruben Castillo of California.

Laporte, the 23-year-old champion, took charge of a relatively close fight in the 10th round when he swarmed over the challenger in the corner with left and right punches. Referee David Pearl stopped the fight at that point for a mandatory eight-count.

The champion put Castillo on the canvas for the first time in the 11th with a left and right combination. He used a solid left hook in the 12th to put Castillo down for a regulation third knockdown.

The judges gave the champion a clear victory because of the knockdowns. Custodio Tovar of Venezuela scored the fight 117-108, Harry Gibbs of London 119-108 and Sidney Nathan of London 117-108.

Approximately 4,500 fans watched the fight staged at Roberto Clemente Coliseum in San Juan and beamed to the United States on ABC television.

With the win, Laporte increased his record to 23 win against three losses. Castillo, 26, who was ranked No. 1 in the featherweight division, was dropped to 60 wins, four losses and two draws.

Coming into the fight, the champion weighed 125 and one-fourth pounds (56.81 kg) and Castillo was at the 126-pound (57.15 kg) limit.

Shilton to lead England against Wales

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — Derek Statham's four-year wait for a full England football cap ended when England manager Bobby Robson named his team Monday for the home championship international against Wales at Wembley on Wednesday.

The chunky West Bromwich Albion full-back is expected to fill the space Arsenal's Cup-tied Kenny Sansom has occupied almost continuously for the past three years.

Midfielder Gordon Cowans, is also in the team. Both got their chance because Manchester United and Arsenal players, who will meet in a League Cup semifinal the same night, were not considered. Goalkeeper Peter Shilton takes over from Bryan Robson, the Manchester United midfielder player, as captain. Shilton's only other match as captain was against the Netherlands in London last May.

Stoke City defender George Berry has been called up by Wales for Wednesday's clash at Wembley. Berry played for Wales under former manager Mike Smith, but it is the first time that he has been selected during Mike England's tenure.

The Welsh team manager has lost two Swansea players from his party — Alan Curtis has a hamstring injury and Jeremy Charles has also pulled out with a chest infection.

As well as Berry, David Giles, of Crystal Palace, has been told to reporter as a replacement. Striker Ian Rush took a knock in the back during Liverpool's shock 1-2 home F.A. Cup defeat by Brighton but traveled to the Welsh squad's High Wycombe headquarters. "He will have treatment here," said England.

Meanwhile, Manchester United and Everton — two of the strongest side's left in the

English Football Association (F.A.) Cup — clash in the quarterfinals of the trophy on March 12. The draw handed United, the new Cup favorites following Liverpool's shock home defeat by Brighton, a home tie against Everton, conquerors of holders Tottenham.

But the draw has been kinder to Brighton, bottom of the First Division. After reaching the last eight for the first time in their history with the 2-1 win over Liverpool, they entertain fellow-First Division strugglers Norwich, who knocked out Ipswich 1-0. The draw kept alive the possibility of a repeat of the 1957 final between Manchester United and Aston

Villa in this 25th anniversary year of the Munich air disaster.

European champions Villa, who meet Italy's Juventus next week in the first-leg of their European Cup quarterfinal, travel to either Middlesbrough or Arsenal, while one Second Division side is assured of a place in the last four with Sheffield Wednesday traveling to either Crystal Palace or Burnley.

England team: Peter Shilton (captain), Phil Neal, Alvin Martin, Terry Butcher, Derek Statham, Sammy Lee, Gary Mabbutt, Gordon Cowans, Alan Devonshire, Luther Blissett and Paul Mariner.

European soccer results

Italian			Dutch		
Avellino	3	Verona	0	Spurs Rotterdam	3
Catanzaro	1	Sampdoria	0	Roda	0
Genoa	2	Cesena	1	Nijmegen	0
Inter Milan	1	Torino	3	AZ 67 Alkmaar	1
Juventus	3	Florentina	0	Zwolle	3
Lazio	0	Cagliari	0	Twente Enschede	0
Roma	5	Napoli	2	Eindhoven	1
Udinese	2	Ascoli	1	Excelsior	1
				Breda	2
Spanish			Turkish		
Real Sociedad	2	Betis Seville	0	Fenerbahce	1
Sporting Gijon	0	Barcelona	0	Gaziantepspor	0
Silanesco	1	Celta Vigo	0	Sariyer	1
Santander	1	Real Madrid	2	Altay	1
Malaga	0	Athletic Bilbao	0	Sakaryaspor	0
Espanol	2	Las Palmas	0	Zonguldakspor	0
Atletico Madrid	2	Ovassu	1	Galatasaray	0
Zaragoza	3	Valencia	2		
Sevilla	3	Valladolid	0		
Portuguese Cup			Belgian		
Silves	0	Bovispa	1	Cercle Brugge	1
Acazco Coimbra	4	Lago	1	Lokeren	0
Porto	3	Esposinho	1	Waregem	0
Portimonense	3	Gil Vicente	1	Tongres	0
Leixoes	1	Benfica	0	Lierse	2
Valdevez	1	Clube	0	Molenbeek	0
Naval	0	Briga	5	Beerschot	0
				Standard Liege	4
				Waterslad	0
Go Ahead Eagles			FC Liege		
Wille II Tilburg	0	Barcelona	0	Anderslecht	0
Helmond Sport	1	Waterscheid	0	Gastel	0
FC Groningen	0	Utrecht	0	Beveren	2
Utrecht	0	Feyenoord	0	Anderwerp	0
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For sixth U.S. National title

Connors cuts Gene Mayer to size

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb. 21 (AP) — Top-seeded Jimmy Connors captured a record sixth U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championship Sunday, building up steam in the first set before crushing Gene Mayer 7-5, 6-0.

By winning the \$315,000 tournament, Connors pocketed \$45,000. Mayer, who was seeded third in the 64-draw field here, collected \$22,500. Connors, who last won this

national title in 1979 and was runner-up to John McEnroe in 1980, broke the record of five championships he shared with Wylie C. Grant, who captured his fifth crown in 1912.

Connors, the world's No. 1-ranked player, fell behind when Mayer broke him at 30 in the seventh game of the opening set to take a 4-3 lead. But the left-hander broke right back at 15. "From 4-3, I didn't miss a ball," Connors said. "I seemed to be gliding around the

court and felt I could get to anything."

Connors lost only two more points on his next two serves, while he forced Mayer to deuce twice in the 10th game and twice more in the 12th. After the second deuce, Mayer committed two unforced backhand errors to give Connors the game and the set. After that, it was all Connors.

Despite a double-fault, his third of the match, Connors held service at 30 to begin the second set. Mayer held a 40-30 lead before his forehand down the line was wide.

The 26-year-old Mayer, a member of the American Davis Cup team, took the advantage with an ace. Then Connors took over. The defending Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion ripped off 15 of the next 16 points and 19 of the final 22. In one stretch, Connors reeled off 12 consecutive points. The first set took 48 minutes to play. The second only 23 minutes as Mayer's game fell apart.

"I was not able to gain an edge in the backcourt rallies," Mayer said. "That's what told the tale." It was Connors' sixth victory in seven career meetings with Mayer, who won their last meeting in Sydney, Australia, last year.

Mayer began the match by trading baseline shots with Connors, a strategy that he said he would not do. "That was what was working and has worked in the past," Mayer said, explaining why he didn't try to change pace but instead tried to slug it out with one of the game's best sluggers. "By the time it was time to change (to a different style game), he was hitting the ball so well."

"When he's hitting the ball that well, you're under more pressure to hit winners," Mayer said. "That's what was working and has worked in the past." Mayer said, explaining why he didn't try to change pace but instead tried to slug it out with one of the game's best sluggers. "By the time it was time to change (to a different style game), he was hitting the ball so well."

Meanwhile, Victory Pecci of Paraguay defeated Jaime Fillol of Chile 6-3, 6-1 Sunday to win the \$88,000 Grand Prix Tournament in Vina Del Mar, Chile. Hans Gildemeister and Belus Prajoux of Chile defeated Brazilians Julio Goes and Ney Keller 6-3, 6-1 to win the doubles title.

Martina makes it 3 in-a-row

CHICAGO, Feb. 21 (AP) — Top-seeded Martina Navratilova swept past No. 2 Andrea Jaeger 6-3, 6-2 in 60 minutes Sunday, collecting her third consecutive 1983 Virginia Slims title and her sixth straight championship at the Chicago stop of the circuit.

Navratilova, the world's ranking woman player, had won eight of their 12 previous meetings, including five straight tournament finals dating back to 1981.

Jaeger took advantage of her opponent's tentative start and opened the match by breaking service — marking only the second time Navratilova failed to hold during the tournament. But the left-hander returned the favor in the next game to pull even at 1-1.

Despite her improved service, Jaeger could not take advantage of another break in the fifth game because she failed to hold her next service. From 3-3, Jaeger managed just three more points as Navratilova turned a break in the eighth game into a 6-3 first-set victory with a service winner.

Navratilova, serving stronger and coming to net more often in the second set, gained a 2-1 lead when Jaeger double-faulted at break point, and yielded just one point in her next service game to open a 3-1 advantage. Despite her second ace of the match, Jaeger was broken again after three deuce points in the fifth game.

Leading 5-2, Navratilova served out the match, finishing when Jaeger's return of a

drop shot was wide of the mark. Navratilova gained the final by turning back No. 4 seed Pam Shriver, while Jaeger beat fellow baseline-practitioner Tracy Austin in the other semifinal.

The \$30,000 first-prize hike Navratilova's 1983 singles earnings to \$86,000. She has not lost a set this year. Jaeger took home \$15,000 as runner-up.

Meanwhile, competing in only her third tournament as a professional, 15-year-old Carling Bassett of Toronto won her first title Sunday at the \$50,000 Ginny of Central Pennsylvania Tournament by defeating Sandra Collins 2-6, 6-0, 6-4.

After winning the first set convincingly, Collins ran into trouble with errors and dropped quickly 6-0 in the second set. By the time she began putting her game back together, she was trailing 4-1 in the third.

The young Canadian, serving 5-4, held on after facing nine deuces and seven break points to hold serve and win the match. Elated over her title and the \$7,000 first-place prize, Bassett said, "I wasn't nervous. I just really wanted to win. I feel really good." Collins and Bassett will compete in the \$150,000 Virginia Slims Championships of Oakland, California, this week.

In doubles action, Lea Antonoplis and Barbara Jordan defended their Ginny title by defeating Ann Henricksson and Sherry Acker in the final 6-3, 6-4. The winners picked up \$1,500 each.

To record maiden PGA success

Hallberg pips Kite to the post

SAN DIEGO, California, Feb. 21 (AP) — Gary Hallberg rolled in an eight-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole to take the lead for the first time and beat Tom Kite by a stroke Sunday in the \$300,000 Isuzu-Andy Williams San Diego Open Golf Tournament.

Hallberg, 24, a winner for the first time on the PGA tour, overcame a four-stroke deficit with a six-under-par 66 for a 72-hole score of 271, 17-under-par.

A third-year pro, Hallberg refused to crack as he and Kite matched stroke over the last five holes. Hallberg had moved into a tie on the par-5, 13th hole with a 12-foot birdie putt.

The victory was worth \$54,000 to Hallberg, who finished 63rd, 91st and 111th in money winnings the past three years. He set up the winning putt with a 108-foot wedge shot.

Kite finished with one-under 71 to pick up \$32,400. His birdie attempt from 25 feet narrowly missed, just running by the cup. Hallberg played the final round in the same threesome.

Ben Crenshaw, with a closing 68 that included four birdies over the last seven holes, was tied for third with John Cook at 274. Ray Floyd, who started the day 10 strokes back, tore up the Torrey Pines Course with a record-tying 64 that included a 17-foot eagle putt on 18.

Floyd, the current money leader, finished

tied for fifth with Tom Watson at 275. 13-under-par. Floyd's 64, carved out with six birdies and the eagle, tied tournament's 18-hole total for the south course.

Arnold Palmer, a two-time winner of the event, finished the final round with a 70 for a six-under 282. Tom Watson shot a 35 on the front nine and birdied 11 to move within three strokes of the lead. Defending champion Johnny Miller, who started the day nine strokes off the pace, was unable to gain any ground through the first nine, shooting even-par 36.

U.K. rugby side impresses

CARCASSONNE, Feb. 21 (AFP) — Great Britain scored four tries to one to record a memorable if not classic 20-5 win over France in a Rugby League International here Sunday.

The Britons, with an average age of 22, were always too lively for the disappointing French and they proved that although they may not be up to Australian standard, they are still the best of the rest.

The French, who also lost heavily to the Kangaroos, chose the wrong tactics. In splendid springlike sunshine, they ignored their natural running game and chose the physical approach.



PROUD WINNERS: Cale Yarborough (left) gets a big hug from Harry Renier, owner of the Yarborough's car, following his victory in the Daytona 500 at the Daytona International Speedway Sunday.

Amarnath, Vengsarkar excel as Kingston tie ends in a draw

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb. 21 (AFP) — The Indian cricket team shook off the disappointment of a poor first innings total and gained both meaningful batting practice and a boost to their spirits as the opening match of their West Indies tour ended in a draw against Jamaica here Sunday.

The Indians, out for a meagre 185 in their first innings, did not repeat their mistakes in their second and batsman Anshuman Gaekwad, 89, Mohinder Amarnath and Dilip Vengsarkar, 82 each, and Arun Lal, 77, all battled well as the Indians reached 395 for six declared.

Then, in the final session, Jamaica lost three early wickets and finished 71 for four when play was called off with nine overs still scheduled. The Indians were already virtually safe from the embarrassment of a defeat in the only match prior to Wednesday's first Test against the West Indies when play began. They were then 205 for two wickets — a lead of 84.

They carried that total to 395 for six before skipper Kapil Dev declared to give his bowlers some match practice in the last two hours after tea. Highlight of the day, played before another small crowd, was a partnership of 140 in just over two hours between Amarnath and Vengsarkar.

Amarnath, batting star of India's recent ill-fated series in Pakistan, took time to find his form and batted four hours in all for his 82 which included nine fours. Vengsarkar, on the other hand, stroked the ball confidently from

the start, hitting a six and six fours in his 82, which took him less than two and a half hours. Both fell to brilliantly-held catches in the outfield off New off-spinner Errol Wilson.

When Jamaica batted a second time, Kapil Dev and Balwinder Singh Sandhu caused some worries by taking their first three wickets for 19 but there was never any realistic hope that the Indians would pull off a victory, and the match petered out into a draw.

The Indian cause was strengthened late Sunday when their key batsman, opener Sunil Gavaskar, arrived in Kingston. He had been unable to travel with the team but captain Kapil Dev said Sunday he expected Gavaskar would definitely play in the first Test.

Brief scores: Indians: 185 and 395 for six declared (A. Gaekwad 89, Arun Lal 77, M. Amarnath 82, D. Vengsarkar 82, Yashpal Sharma 24; Wilson two for 95 and Neill two for 43) drew with Jamaica 306 and 71 for four.

C. Fletcher 32 not out; Kapil Dev two for 11 and Sandhu one for 25).

Yarborough zooms away with crown

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, Feb. 21 (AP) — Cale Yarborough, who this past week had flipped through the air in a frightening crash, drove his backup car past Buddy Baker on the backstretch of the last lap to win the 1 million-dollar Daytona 500 Sunday.

Yarborough, a three-time Winston Cup Champion, sat solidly in the second spot, behind Baker, for 101-2 of the last 11 laps. On the final trip around the 2.5 mile (4 km) Daytona International Speedway, the 42-year-old driver dropped low near the end of the long backstretch and whipped his Pontiac-Le Mans past Baker's Ford Thunderbird. Bill Elliott's Ford and the Chevrolet of Joe Ruttman with him in the draft.

Yarborough stayed ahead through the final two turns to win his third Daytona 500, while the trailing threesome came across the finish line in a virtual dead heat. Elliott wound up second, about four car lengths behind Yarborough, with Baker third and Ruttman fourth. Dick Brooks was fifth, a lap behind the leaders.

The winner averaged 155.979 mph (251.017 km) in earning the top prize of more than \$100,000.

The race was fast and relatively clean despite tensions that built prior to the event after a week of spectacular and violent crashes, one resulting in a severe head injury for Bruce Jacob, who remains in critical condition.

The top four finishers locked together and ran single file when the green flag fell 32 laps from the end of the 200-lap even following the sixth and final caution period of the race.

Yarborough, who last won this race in 1968 and 1977, set an all-time one-lap record of 200.503 mph (322.669 km) last Monday before crashing in the Chevrolet Monte Carlo that the team of Harry Ranier had prepared for this race. Yarborough came back with the backup car and qualified in the eighth starting position.

The start of the race was clean and competitive, with six lead changes among five drivers in the first eight laps and nine changes among seven drivers in the first 20 trips around the high-banked trioval.

Among the early big name dropouts were Benny Parsons, Tim Richmond and seven-time Daytona 500 winner Richard Petty.



POOR ME: Tom Kite expresses disappointment after being beaten by Gary Hallberg at the last hole of the San Diego Open Golf Tournament. Kite and Hallberg were neck-and-neck from the 13th till Hallberg snuck a eight-foot birdie for the title Sunday.

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KKH 1 scores resounding win

By a Staff Writer

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The close tussle for the league honors continued, with three teams overhauling last week's leader Jeddah Badminton Club (JBC) 1, who were idle this week. Abbar and Garuda, with hard-earned wins, moved to second and third place respectively behind KKH 1, with JBC 1 pushed down to fourth with a game in hand.

Garuda played Tretum, completing a previously postponed clash. The final score read 9-0 in Garuda's favor. But the score belied the tenacious fight from Tretum. Every match was a sea-saw battle with the Garuda players proving a wee bit better on the vital points. Tretum, however, reversed their fortunes against Zara, romping home 7-2.

Abbar got back into the winning stream with a 7-2 victory over Jeddah Badminton Club 2. Abbar encountered some stiff fight in the early matches but found their rhythm in the later ties to coast through.

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Abbar	7	6	1	49
Garuda	7	3	4	48
JBC 1	6	6	0	47
Tretum	7	4	3	36
Whistaker 1	7	3	4	32
Zara	7	3	4	28
KALA	6	3	3	27
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China leader hopes for better Soviet ties

PEKING, Feb. 21 (R) — Chinese Communist Party leader Hu Yaobang has said it should not be difficult to improve relations between Peking and Moscow despite 20 years of bitter hostility.

The official New China News Agency Sunday night reported that Hu told Susumu Nakaido, secretary-general of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party: "it is our sincere wish to resume normal relations with the Soviet Union." "I don't agree with the view that it is difficult to move the piled-up resentment between China and the Soviet Union."

Japanese sources quoted Hu as telling Japanese journalists before his meeting with Nakaido Sunday that Sino-Soviet talks were expected to resume in Moscow on March 1.

Athens greets Soviet premier

ATHENS, Feb. 21 (AP) — Soviet Premier Nikolai Tikhonov arrived Monday on a four-day official visit, the first ever by a Soviet premier to Greece.

Tikhonov was greeted by Premier Andreas Papandreu and his Socialist cabinet at Athens Airport and inspected an honor guard from the Greek Air Force. No statements were made before the two premiers drove off together in Papandreu's car.

Police were massed at intersections on the highway leading into the city center, but Greek Communists gave the Soviet Premier a quiet welcome.

Placards hanging from trees on the sidewalk said "Welcome to the Soviet premier, bringer of peace" and "Down with nuclear weapons."

Papandreu's bid to create a nuclear-free zone in the Balkans has met with approval from the Soviet Union. He also has welcomed the Warsaw Pact's proposal for a non-aggression pact with NATO.

The two premiers opened talks later in the day at Papandreu's office. Greece and the Soviet Union are expected to sign two economic agreements during Tikhonov's visit. One will be a long-term economic cooperation agreement providing for broad but unspecified collaboration, according to Greek officials.

ing last October, but made little progress. They were the first high-level negotiations between the giant Communist neighbors since 1969.

Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian told Nakaido that next month's talks would not lead to any dramatic improvement in relations, while Premier Zhao Ziyang said China's attitude to the Soviet Union remained unchanged, based on opposition to hegemonism — domination of one country over a region.

But diplomatic sources said Hu's remarks on Sino-Soviet relations appeared more optimistic than other recent comments by Chinese leaders.

China has named three main obstacles to improved relations — the vast Soviet military presence on the Sino-Soviet border and in the buffer state of Mongolia, the presence of Vietnamese troops in Kampuchea and the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. China regards the estimated 180,000 Vietnamese troops in Kampuchea as Soviet surrogates.

Chinese officials are skeptical that the new Soviet leadership under Yuri Andropov will greatly alter policy toward China. But Peking has made friendly overtures since Andropov took power, including an unusually warm message of congratulations on the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union last December.

S.A. minister resigns to fight rivals in poll

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 21 (R) — A senior South African minister and two opposition conservative politicians resigned their parliamentary seats Monday, clearing the way for a crucial by-election struggle in three Transvaal constituencies.

The resignations follow a challenge by Manpower Minister Fanie Botha of the ruling National Party to his former cabinet colleague, Andries Treurnicht, who quit the party a year ago in protest at Prime Minister P.W. Botha's reform policies and found them conservative opposition group in parliament.

Treurnicht, a protagonist of apartheid (racial separation), accepted the challenge to resign if the manpower minister did the same and stood again for election. A top lieutenant of Treurnicht, Tom Langley, also agreed to Botha's terms that he should also step down.

'It's murder, no freak accident'

MIAMI, Florida, Feb. 21 (AP) — Authorities now believe that a "freak accident" in which a Lebanese man was believed to have died while pinned under a burning car was actually murder.

And they say the "survivors" of 30-year-old Ezat A. Aboul-Hosn can't collect the unclaimed half of \$1 million in life insurance because he is not the dead man. But they still don't know who the dead man is.

The case has baffled authorities. "If they ever do find out what happened, I want to know how it was done," says Dr. Joseph Davis, the medical examiner.

Bassam Wakil, 26, says that he last saw his friend Aboul-Hosn alive when he went for pizza the night of May 20. He said he left the Scharf land development real estate salesman working in the garage of his suburban Kendall home, under a 1972 Chevrolet Vega Aboul-Hosn had recently bought.

Investigators, called to a fire at the house by neighbors, found that the 10-year-old car had slipped off the jack and pinned the man under it to the garage floor. The jack stand punctured the gas tank, and an inferno was sparked when leaking gasoline splashed onto a hot work light.

Wakil, a Syrian from a wealthy family, returned with the pizza in his car trunk to find a crowd of firefighters and police at the house. Paramedics at the scene described him as "very emotionally upset" by his friend's death.

"It looked accidental," homicide detective Ray Nazario told the

Miami Herald in a story published in Sunday's editions. No one ran away from the burning garage. No cars drove off.

Authorities say Aboul-Hosn's sister, Ghada, a Tampa nursing student, provided a picture of him that proved unsuitable for use in the identification. The body was eventually cremated. But the teeth were preserved by investigators for identification.

Then, six months after the fire, New York private investigator John J. Healy arrived in Miami.

Healy told local authorities that Aboul-Hosn had been covered by more than \$1 million in life and accidental death insurance purchased from six different insurance companies over two years.

Healy found X-rays and records showing Aboul-Hosn had had extensive dental work. The victim's teeth were decayed and in poor repair.

The medical examiner formally reclassified the case in December as murder, the Herald reported. No one knows who the dead man is.

The insurance beneficiary was Aboul-Hosn's sister. She had collected \$500,000 when the insurance companies stopped paying.

Wakil says she since returned to Lebanon.

Detective Nazario has been delving into Aboul-Hosn's background, and said people who knew him all his life "told me they had heard he died," but long-time friends came to the United States said they had seen Aboul-Hosn alive in Lebanon since the fire.

Nkomo told of possible prosecution

HARARE, Feb. 21 (R) — Zimbabwe opposition leader Joshua Nkomo said Monday the police had told him he might be prosecuted under the country's law and order maintenance laws and for an alleged currency offense.

Nkomo, who was prevented from leaving the country Saturday, told Reuters from his home in Bulawayo that during a two-hour session at the city's police headquarters Monday he had made "two or three" statements after being warned and cautioned.

Nkomo said he had been asked to make the statements, relating to notes he had made about the security situation in his home province of Matabeleland, to assist police inquiries. "It is something to do with bringing the police and army into dispute," he said.

He said he was also suspected of trying to export 300 Zimbabwe dollars (about the same in U.S. dollars) illegally. But he had not been charged with any offense, he said.

Legal sources said statements made after being warned and cautioned were the first stage in a police investigation when a suspect was invited to answer allegations. No government comment was immediately available on Monday's events.

Nkomo has accused government forces, particularly the North Korean-trained Fifth Brigade, of massacres, assault and looting in Matabeleland while on anti-rebel operations.

The 65-year-old leader of the Matabeleland-based ZAPU Party said that when he was detained at Bulawayo Airport Saturday he was carrying notes on the situation which he had made for a recent speech in parliament.

He also had with him a document about the situation in the uneasy province that he said he had intended discussing with the prime minister, he said. He said he had not intended to take them abroad but that his wife had packed them for him by mistake.

He said the 300 Zimbabwe dollars had been intended for his family while he was away, but he had forgotten about the money which was found in his briefcase when he was searched after being taken off his flight. He said police still held his passport and tickets.

Both leaders of Zimbabwe's main opposition parties are now confined to this country. Former Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith, head of the all-white Republican Front, had his passport seized last year for attacking the government of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe during a visit to the United States.

Zimbabwe's minister of state for security, Emmerson Mnangagwa, told the national news agency Zina Sunday that Nkomo had been detained because he had tried to leave for South Africa under a false name.

Nkomo has angrily denied this, saying he was only due to pass through Johannesburg on his way to a World Peace Council conference in Czechoslovakia. He insisted his passport and tickets were in his correct name.

A large crowd of sympathizers chanted their support for Nkomo outside police headquarters Monday while the man often called the father of Zimbabwe nationalism was inside. Nkomo said police had also complained that he had tried to leave while investigations under the Law and Order Maintenance Act were under way over a news conference he gave in Harare last month accusing troops of killing civilians.

Heroin seized in Paris

PARIS, Feb. 21 (AFP) — French airport customs officers Monday seized 15 kilos of gray heroin worth over \$2 million stashed in a suitcase belonging to a New Delhi-based Moroccan Embassy employee.

The heroin was wrapped in 15 packets stacked in the luggage of Moudi Fares, 46, a Moroccan national employed as an accountant in the Moroccan Embassy.

Fares, who does not have diplomatic status, was traveling from New Delhi to London when agents at the Charles de Gaulle Airport, attracted by a strong odor of naphthalene in his suitcase, asked to check his luggage. The accountant apparently thought the naphthalene would steer specially trained customs dogs off his trail.

The airport customs chief described the heroin haul as "the biggest" ever since the airport opened nearly nine years ago.

German party tribunal attacks Pershings plan

NUREMBERG, West Germany, Feb. 21 (AFP) — The ecologist West German Greens Party's "peace tribunal" wound up here with the verdict that to use or threaten to use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons "is a crime contrary to the peoples' rights."

The "tribunal against first-strike and mass-destruction weapons in East and West," the culmination point of the Greens' legislative election campaign, drew more than 1,000 persons to its three-day session.

The court condemned in particular the planned stationing in West Germany next autumn of 108 U.S. Pershing and Cruise missiles if the U.S.-Soviet Geneva arms talks fail. "The arms race could turn Europe into a nuclear Auschwitz," the court ruled, and appealed to mankind to rid itself of all means of mass destruction.

Given the danger of an impending "apocalypse," the court said, governments must be made to ensure the security of populations "not through deterrence by weapons of mass destruction but by the renunciation of rearmament and by effective disarmament."

The court also appealed for reason and mutual trust to bring an end to the arms race.

Criticizing the absence of official delegates from the two main accused countries, the United States and the West Germany, the court said it was now up to the North Atlantic

Treaty Organization to respond to various compromise offers presented by Moscow, such as the recent proposal to sign a NATO-Warsaw Pact non-aggression treaty.

U.S. pacifist Barry Commoner told the tribunal that the United States had unleashed the nuclear arms race with the World War II bombing of Hiroshima, and was pursuing it with Pershing-2s, a new generation of nuclear weapons.

Professor Johan Galtung, a Norwegian jurist, said the West German government was guilty of a worse crime than Nazism — allowing the Americans to prepare on West German territory the extermination of millions of people, their own.

U.S. biologist Rosalie Bertell warned that a "death process" had already begun. Nature and humanity were being destroyed piecemeal in the preparations for nuclear war, particularly in the Pacific islands where nuclear tests were held, she said.

West German pacifist leader Petra Kelly, the Greens leader who organized the tribunal, commented that it had been "only one element in our pacifist, non-violent combat." "We shall continue this tribunal in the Bundestag (parliament) after March 6 (when early general elections will be held) and by non-violent actions everywhere in the country," she said.

Japanese claims coup plot in 1980

TOKYO, Feb. 21 (AP) — An obscure opposition politician claimed Monday that a plan to stage a military coup by Japan's armed forces in 1980 was aborted, then hushed up. Japan's Kyodo news service reported.

Yanosuke Narasaki, of the tiny Shinjiren Party, said that the coup, set for a certain "X Day" in June 1980, was mapped out by ground self-defense force units in Nagoya, central Japan, and paratroopers at a base in Chiba prefecture, near Tokyo, Kyodo said.

He claimed that 9,000 to 10,000 troops were to take part in the coup, with air units dropping napalm bombs on the residence of the prime minister and ground forces occupying the Diet (parliament) building, headquarters of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

Mondale announces candidacy

ST. PAUL, Minnesota, Feb. 21 (AP) — Former U.S. Vice President Walter F. Mondale declared his candidacy for the 1984 Democratic presidential nomination Monday after a year of non-stop campaigning for the job.

He made the announcement at the state capital in Minnesota, his home state.

Mondale, who served as vice president under President Jimmy Carter, is currently considered the leader in the race for the Democratic nomination.

Mondale has said he would propose a summit with Soviet leader Yuri Andropov if elected. He said he would call Andropov and say, "please meet me in Geneva this afternoon and let's sit down and do some work to bring some easing of tensions." Mondale is considered a moderate in the Democratic Party.

He was an early advocate of legislation to

and the Japan Broadcasting Corp. Kyodo said.

The plot was motivated by resentment in military ranks over political corruption and collaboration between political and business circles, according to Narasaki's remarks before a budget committee session in the lower house, where his party holds 13 of the 511 seats.

Government and military officials categorically denied any such military conspiracy, but Chief Cabinet Secretary Masaharu Gotoda said the government would investigate the charges to "make things clear."

Narasaki also said military authorities learned about the plot in advance then did nothing except "secretly reprimand" 112 troops including 42 top air force officers.

curb the adverse impact of foreign cars on the U.S. automobile industry.

He criticized President Ronald Reagan's economic program as unfair to the poor and proposes reducing federal budget deficits by cutting defense spending and rolling back the Reagan tax-cut program.

Mondale became the leader in the Democratic field when Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts announced last Dec. 1 that he would not run for president in 1984.

Already in the Democratic race are U.S. senators Alan Cranston of California and Gary Hart of Colorado. Former Governor Reubin Askew of Florida will declare his presidential candidacy in Washington on Wednesday. Sen. John Glenn of Ohio is expected to enter the race in April. Sen. Ernest F. Hollings of South Carolina also is getting ready to run.

Arsonists light more fires in Australia

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — Firefighters battling Monday to control six-day-old fires 80 kilometers outside Melbourne have had to face fresh outbreaks caused by arsonists, Victorian state forest spokesman Ian Murray said Monday. A man was charged Monday with starting fires.

Murray said three fires had been deliberately lit around Marysville at the weekend, but had been brought under control.

Three of the fires which swept through Victoria and South Australia Wednesday and Thursday, killing 71 people and leaving 9,000 homeless were still burning Monday. Murray said 750 firefighters were "racing against time" to control the work of the fires near Warburton, 84 kilometers east of Melbourne to prevent it taking out of control. Murray said the blaze at Warburton had a perimeter of 150 kilometers.

Funeral services were being arranged for the 71 dead as a nationwide bushfire appeal reached \$6.5 million by Monday.

Meanwhile, campaigning for Australia's March 5 general election, suspended last week because of bushfires, resumed Monday with a venom characteristic of the country's politics.

Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser described opposition Labor Party policies as trade union-dominated economic madness which would bankrupt many businesses.

Lab's newly appointed leader, Bob Hawke, responded by accusing Fraser of "gross fraud" by selectively leaking documents on Labor Party policies.

Turkish reporter meets Ali Agca

ANKARA, Feb. 21 (AP) — A Turkish reporter met with Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turk who shot Pope John Paul II, in the Rebibbia Prison in Rome where the gunman is serving a life sentence; the Istanbul daily Cumhuriyet reported Monday.

In the Cumhuriyet story, the reporter, Ugur Mumcu, said Italian Magistrate Bario Martella and a translator also were present at the meeting. He said he was allowed to talk to Agca not as a reporter but in his capacity as a lawyer and an expert on terrorism and gun smuggling.

Mumcu said he would not be able to publish his conversation with Agca until the start of a new trial on the assassination attempt. In that trial he would testify as a witness and had already given a three-hour testimony to Martella, Mumcu wrote.

The reporter said he also met Musa Serdar Celibi, a Turkish rights activist arrested in West Germany as a suspected accomplice of Agca in the shooting in St. Peter's Square in May 1981. Mumcu said the half-hour meeting took place on Feb. 9.

Mumcu was the first reporter to allege that there was a link between Agca and reputed members of the Turkish Mafia.

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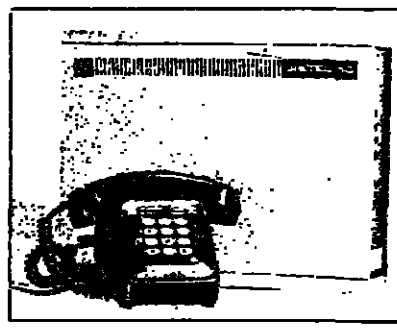
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